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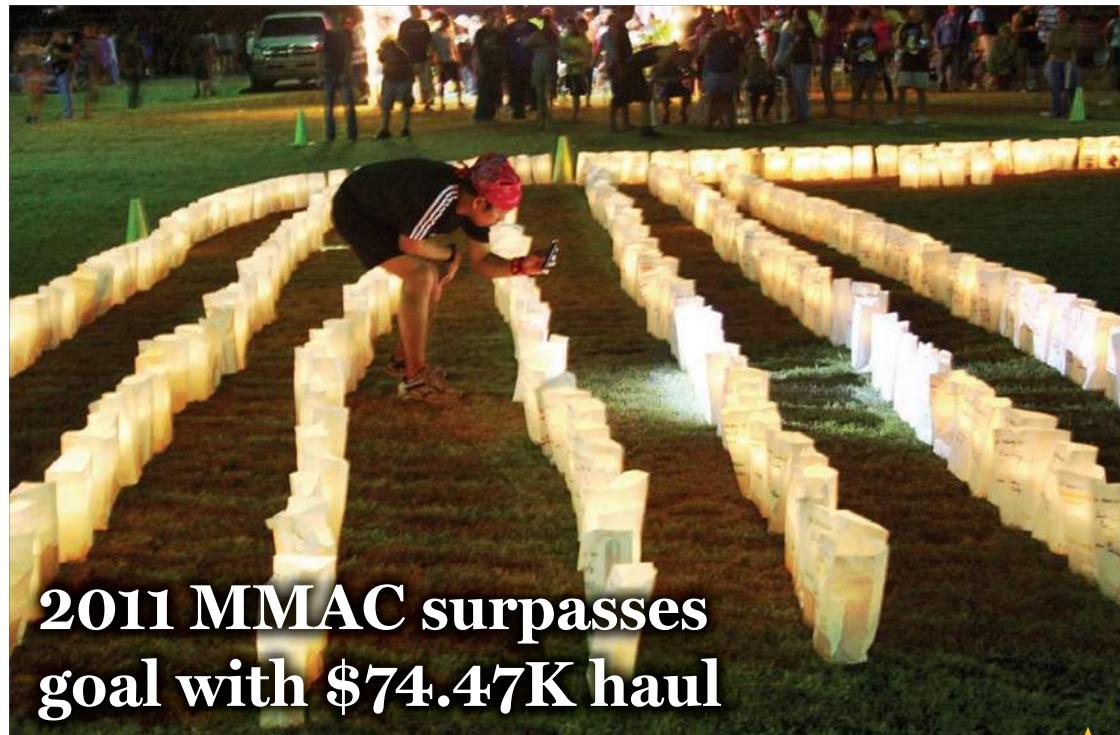
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2011 MMAC surpasses goal with \$74.47K haul

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and in-kind donations over the weekend.

Despite the anemic economy, the 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer still managed to surpass its \$70,000 goal by raising a total of \$74,473 in cash

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Susupe resident Reynaldo Gabriel takes photos of Team Bodig's lighted luminaries honoring those who are battling cancer and those who have passed on, during the Marianas March Against Cancer at Hopwood Junior High School on Friday night. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Senate will take to court a local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan if and when the measure—which he describes as “unconstitutional”—passes the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, a challenge “welcomed” by pro-casino Saipan lawmakers.

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The Senate adopted a joint resolution on Friday requesting the U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to investigate the

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GTC rules Chamorro language competition

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Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School emerged as the big winner in the Public School System's first ever Chamorro language student competitions held Saturday at Saipan Southern High School.

The 30-member group competed in various categories and

was the recipient of a total of nine awards, of which six were for first places in the following categories and divisions: spelling contest for the sixth to eighth grade division; story telling for the third to fifth grade division; question and answer for both kindergarten to second grade division and third to fifth grade divisions; oratorical for

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Team members of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School gather for a group picture after emerging as the big winner in the PSS' first-ever Chamorro language student competitions held Saturday at Saipan Southern High School. The school bagged nine awards, with six first places.

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Local



CLARISSA V. DAVID
Korean Consul General to Guam Hyun Soo Park, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, and Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio join officials and members of the Memorial Service Association for Deceased Compatriots led by president Yong Taek Lee for the 34th Korean Memorial Service in Marpi.

Korean community marks 34th war memorial service

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Twenty-one officials and members of the Memorial Service Association for Deceased Compatriots from Korea led by president Yong Taek Lee were on Saipan for the 34th Korean Memorial Service.

The annual event, organized by the Korean Community of Saipan, was held Friday morning at the Korean War Memorial Monument in Marpi to pay tribute to Koreans and all others who sacrificed their lives during the war.

Korean Community president Jong Ho Lee welcomed guests for the memorial service, which included Korean Consul General to Guam Hyun Soo Park, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, and Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

Inos, in his remarks, urged his audience not to forget the struggles and sacrifices of those who fought during the war and continue praying for them.

"Today, we are privileged to find ourselves living in peace, embracing the kind of freedoms and opportunities perhaps never experienced or contemplated by our ancestors during World War

II," he said. Inos said the sacrifices of those who fought during the war could be honored by upholding peace and harmony in the community.

"As we reflect upon the lessons [of] our past, let us always recognize the importance of peace and goodwill in the present and into the future," he added.

For his part, Flores said the annual excursion to Saipan of the Memorial Service Association for the Deceased Compatriots "is a testament of your convictions and has undoubtedly brought our two cultures closely together in prayer and peace."

The mayor said the Korean War Memorial Monument is a reminder not to forget those who sacrificed during the war "so that we and future generations can continue to live in freedom and peace."

"It is important to never forget those who have fallen victims of war. But we must never forget the men and women currently in battle afar and the innocent civilians who have lost their lives because of it," he added.

The dignitaries' delivery of remarks was followed by the incense burning and presentation of offerings, which highlighted the ceremony.

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At anytime during this scheduled meeting, the Board of Trustees may be required to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential. In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by the recorded vote of the majority of the trustee governing body. All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written and oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ Alvaro A. Santos
Chairman, MPLT Trustees

Fitial supports more flights for Sichuan Airlines

Following the arrival of the inaugural flight of Sichuan Airlines, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial met with the chairman of Sichuan Airlines, Xin Guo Lan, and other executives on Thursday, May 12.

After months of planning and preparation, Fitial was tremendously pleased to finally see the new charter flight service come to fruition. The governor expressed his appreciation to Sichuan Airlines for the additional twice weekly flights from both Shanghai and

Guangzhou.

"This is definitely a valuable addition for the CNMI. We hope to see more tourists from China visit our islands now that Sichuan Airlines is making the flight service available," said Fitial. "I'm very appreciative of chairman Lan's support and in turn, I will continue to support Sichuan Airlines in their future developments here in the CNMI."

At the meeting, Lan expressed that Sichuan Airlines will continue to plan new routes



Employer asks court to dismiss ex-employee's defamation lawsuit

An employer has asked the federal court to dismiss a lawsuit filed by a former employee who alleged she was wrongfully terminated and defamed when she was accused of stealing money from the company.

Sasha Co. Ltd. and its president and chief executive officer, Alexander Vekhov, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss Antonina Senchenko's lawsuit as she "has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted."

Sasha Co. and Vekhov, through counsel Timothy H. Bellas, said that, while the lawsuit generally specifies a par-

ticular person and the date that an alleged defamatory communication was made, it fails to specify who published the defamatory communication.

Bellas said that Senchenko fails to specify when these publications occurred or who these third persons are. Senchenko also fails to prove that she was entitled to any bonuses, commissions, or vacation, he added.

Attorneys Michael Dotts and Colin M. Thompson are counsels for Senchenko. (Ferdie de la Torre)

to Saipan in the future. Moreover, Lan also hinted that he is interested in other developments that may even include a golf course on Tinian.

The Sichuan chairman also visited

Rota. He was very impressed with the beauty of all three islands and believes that Chinese tourists will enjoy their visits to the CNMI. (Office of the Governor)

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial poses with Xin Guo Lan, chairman of Sichuan Airlines, Michael Kwan of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, and other executives on Thursday, May 12, following the arrival of the inaugural flight of Sichuan Airlines.

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KHS' Mesa accepted to society of scholars

A senior student at Kagman High School was recognized for her superior academic achievement and was selected for membership to a prestigious society of scholars in the United States.

Mercedes M. Mesa is among the newest member of the National Society of High School Scholars, which recognizes academic excellence at

the high school level and encourages members to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world.

Mesa is the daughter of Jesse and Selina Mesa. She is also a member of the CNMI 13th Youth Congress.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and

commitment that Mercedes has demonstrated to achieve this level of academic excellence. You are now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future," said the society founder and chairman Claes Nobel, also a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, in a



Mesa

letter to Mesa.

According to James Lewis, society president, it is the group's vision to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities. "We aim to help

students like Mercedes to build on their academic successes and enhance the

skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in the society entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, and others.

The society was formed in 2002 and has more than 530,000 members in over 160 countries. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)

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sixth to eighth grade division; and choral reading for the fifth to eighth grade division.

A total of 13 public schools comprising over 200 students from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota participated in the historic event.

GTC principal Charlotte Camacho said the school's nine awards were proof of the students' interest and commitment to learn more about the indig-

uous language.

"I am very proud of what our students achieved today and we really owed it to our CCLHS [Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies] teachers who really go beyond their duty and encourage our kids. The full support of our parents was also a big factor in this success," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* after the awarding rites.

GTC placed second in poetry recitation for sixth to eighth grade division and third in both story telling for kindergarten to second grade division and poetry recitation for the sixth to eighth

grade division.

CCHLS teacher Rose Taimanao disclosed that one of the group's members, Jezreelyn Bulaklak, will compete in the national forensic league competition for Chamorro. GTC, she added, will also participate in the upcoming performing arts competition later this month.

Lumi Bermudes, PSS program manager for Chamorro language and heritage studies, said the activity was in line with PSS activities coinciding with the celebration of CCLHS month in May.

A similar contest was held at the

Multi-Purpose Center on Saturday for the Carolinian counterpart.

"Today's events are more of the academic portion of the celebration. The performing arts will take place in Hopwood next week where we're expecting over 200 students to join in chanting, dancing, and singing competitions as well," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Every year, public schools in the CNMI join the Guam Chamorro competitions where it has been a dominant force for many years now. PSS, through these contests, aims to form a solid PSS delegation to the Guam contest next year.

big winner in Saturday event, bringing home a total of six awards: three first places, one second place, and two third place awards.

Students from Rota's Sinapalo Elementary School bagged four awards: one first place, and three second place awards.

Four schools got three awards each: Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School, Marianas High School, Rota High School; and Tinian High School.

Schools that got two awards included Garapan, Kobilerville, Kagman, and Dandan elementary schools.

William S. Reyes Elementary and Chacha Oceanview Junior High School bagged one award each.

PROBE

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operations of the Customs and Border Protection at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The senators are specifically asking a probe on alleged long lines, delays, and "callous demeanor" of CBP officers at the Saipan airport.

Senate Joint Resolution 17-13 passed by a vote of 8-0, with one excused absence.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofsneider (R-Tinian), author of the resolution, said they have yet to receive from CBP a response to their April 27 letter detailing what they described as

CBP officers' "callous treatment" of airline crew and passengers arriving at the Saipan airport.

CBP also has yet to respond to media inquiries about the April 16 incident involving CBP.

Hofsneider and three other senators said they witnessed such treatment when they came back to Saipan on April 16 from China via Korea on Asiana Airlines Flight 0Z605.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial also wrote to CBP about the same matter, but has yet to receive a response.

Hofsneider said he hopes that by passing a joint resolution, CBP will be more responsive to their request for investigation.

A resolution conveys the position of

the Senate; it is not law.

"There must be an official investigation into this matter and proper action must be taken to allay the complaints of long lines, delays, and the callous demeanor of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at the Saipan International Airport," the resolution adds.

Hofsneider said it is insulting to make passengers and guests wait for 15 minutes just so CBP officers can "warm up" their computers. This is in addition to the 10 to 15 minutes needed to clear each passenger.

DHS and its component agencies like CBP took over the control of CNMI borders on Nov. 28, 2009, pursuant to PL 110-229 signed in May 2008.

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notes that more people are affected by the deadly disease.

"It's also most celebrated as it shows that there are more people like me who have survived it," she added.

Sablan, who is also the clinic supervisor of FHP Health Center, emphasized the importance of having annual health examinations for men and women.

"It's very, very important. I was perfectly healthy and then one day, I found out I had it... You'll never know. You'll just never know," she warned.

Monica Manalo, a breast cancer survivor for 10 years, said the event does not only celebrate the survivors but also remembers those who have passed away because of cancer.

"I've got friends that I lost due to cancer and I remember them every time I come here," said Manalo, 46. "Of course, I always hope for a cure."

Nadine Deleon Guerrero shared her life story with the audience and talked about how she survived cervical cancer for 10 years now.

"If I can make it this far, of 10 years being cancer-free, I know we can make it for many years to come," she said.

Deleon Guerrero, 46, disclosed how she survived the ordeal through her loving family and friends, and her positive outlook in life.

"When you think of positive things, things will definitely come out positive," she said in an interview.

Raffle winners

The 2011 MMAC Committee members sold not only luminaries but also event shirts and raffle tickets to raise money for the fight against cancer.

The grand prize of one roundtrip ticket to anywhere in the U.S. courtesy of Delta Air Lines went to Nadia Saralu of Team Aschoscho and Rosalie Garcia.

Other raffle winners were Brian Bearden, Michelle Santiago, and Mayette Simondac who each won \$100 travel credit voucher, also from Delta Air Lines; Team Aschoscho, Avis car rental; Team Bodig, one year free unlimited service gift certificate from IT&E; Connie Cristina, Carleen Desel and Team Aschoscho, IT&E gift bags; and Team Aschoscho and Alexis Deleon Guerrero, one-year subscription to *Guam Business*.

To claim prizes, winners will be contacted or you may call CCA at 682-0050 for more information.

SENATE

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Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of the controversial local bill, said he welcomes the court challenge "whenever they're ready."

"The Senate can do whatever they want," Torres told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

His Saipan Local Bill 17-44 is now with the 21-member Saipan delegation.

Had the Senate passed his House bill on Saipan casino instead of killing it last year, House members won't be considering a local bill, said Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan).

"Let him [Manglona] challenge it... Remember my bill that they [Senate] killed? They ran away to Tinian to kill it because they didn't have the guts to do it over here. Why are we going through the local law procedure? So we can bypass the Senate," Tenorio said in an interview on Saturday.

Manglona said he thinks Torres "knows too well that it [local bill] is unconstitutional."

But Tenorio asked, "When did he become a judge?"

Manglona, a member of the Second Constitutional Convention, said it never was their intention to allow gambling in a senatorial district through a local law.

"If that's our intention, then it doesn't quite make sense because there are only two ways you can legalize casino—either a popular initiative, by the people of the senatorial districts, or by Commonwealth law. We never intended it to be that easy to pass. For that reason, [Torres] is wrong," Manglona said in an interview.

The Senate president said some lawmakers are trying to interpret that a lo-

cal law is a Commonwealth law for the purposes of legalizing gambling in a senatorial district.

"If that's the case, they can just, for example, take any revenue bill and say 'we'll introduce it as a local law, forget the whole legislative body,'" he said.

Manglona also posed a question: "What business, which investor would come in based on a local law authorizing casino when they know that if they put in \$50 million or \$100 million, tomorrow the court can strike it down because it's only a local law, that it does not hold water?"

Once the Saipan delegation passes the local bill, "I would take it to court. The Senate will take it to court," he added.

Fitial administration's position

Tenorio and Torres separately said the local bill has enough majority votes to pass the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. Once it passes the delegation, it will go straight to the governor for action.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said the Fitial administration supports development that will lead to lifting the austerity and putting government employees back on an 80-hour work schedule.

"Moreover, the administration supports development that will generate increased revenues so that the government will be able to make timely payments to CUC, the Retirement Fund, and to all vendors who provide the government with much needed goods and services such as pharmaceuticals. Thus, if permitting the industry [on] Saipan is the answer, then the administration will support it. Understandably,

some have raised questions in terms of constitutionality of the process. In due

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Chinese firm donates solar panels and wind turbines to CNMI govt

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Turns out, some things are still free these days.

A China-based business, Guangzhou HyEnergy Technology Co. Ltd., installed two wind turbines with solar panels and turned them over free of charge to the CNMI government over the weekend.

Guangzhou HyEnergy Technology installed the first wind turbine and solar panels on Saturday afternoon, and the second one on Sunday morning in front of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Yasin Osman, overseas sales and marketing staff of Guangzhou HyEnergy, said the plan is to demonstrate their latest technology and donate them to the CNMI government.

He said the CNMI government will be able to produce renewable electricity from the sun and wind to light up the vicinity of the multi-purpose center using LED lighting equipment. LEDs are more energy efficient than ordinary light bulbs.

Osman, who arrived on Saipan during the weekend, helped install the wind turbines and solar panels. He said each of the two solar panel sets have 240 watts capacity, while each of the two wind turbines has a capacity of 400 watts.

"This is an island. There should be no need for coal energy. This is just a sample," he said.

Osman said Guangzhou HyEnergy has also installed the same equipment in 61 other countries, including China, the U.S. mainland, Japan, Poland, the Netherlands, Germany, Nigeria, and now Saipan.

He said they initially installed the same technology free of charge, and the countries later bought from them upon seeing the efficiency of their wind turbines, solar panels, and LED lighting.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), who was at the site during the installation of the wind turbine and solar panels, praised the Saipan-based firm that brought Guangzhou HyEnergy to the CNMI.

American Sai Green owner and president James Xue, along with consultant John "Bobo" Cabrera, brought to Saipan Guangzhou HyEnergy.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
A group of men helps install one of two wind turbines and solar panels in front of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Saturday afternoon, as well as on Sunday morning, courtesy of China-based Guangzhou HyEnergy Technology Co. Ltd.

Tenorio said Guangzhou HyEnergy Technology would be participating in today's pre-proposal conference related to a request for proposal on solar photovoltaic technology by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

"They might also take advantage of the free trade zone in the CNMI. They could build a manufacturing plant for solar panels and wind turbines, for shipment to the United States," Tenorio added.

KONFITMA exercise kicks off today

»Public advised not to panic

The administration is advising the public not to panic if they see several emergency response vehicles, equipment, and local and federal operatives in different areas on Saipan today, Monday, as this is just part of a 36-hour full scale all-hazard exercise.

"This is just an exercise and should not be cause for alarm or panic," press secretary Angel A. Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Demapan said the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive Situational Training Exercise will be conducted to test the CNMI's response preparedness.

Dubbed as exercise "KONFITMA," the training will end on Friday.

Demapan said that people may hear explosives or shots fired, but these are all simulated and not actual live rounds or munitions.

The U.S. Army Pacific, Weapons of Mass Destruction—Civil Support System Enhanced Response Force Package Training and Readiness Division will be conducting the exercise in partnership with the Office of the Governor and the CNMI response community.

Exercises will take place at Hopwood Junior High School, Navy Hill, Kagman II, San Roque, Marpi, Port of Saipan, and Lower Base. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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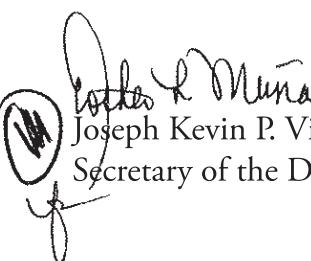
ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program has extended the deadline for submission of applications for Tinian Vendors to May 20, 2011. Applications may be picked up at the CNMI WIC Administrative Building located in Navy Hill, Saipan, Building No. N-25 or may be downloaded online by visiting our website at www.cnmiwic.org. The Vendor Selection Criteria is attached to the application and may also be viewed on the website.

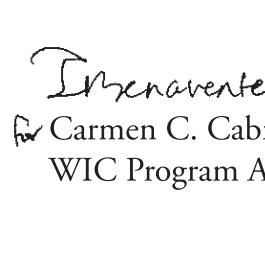
Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program office no later than 4:00 p.m., May 20, 2011. Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications and requirements are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4067, by email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org or by facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

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OUT OF NINE ASSET HANDLERS: Fund to replace six money managers

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund will end its relationship with six of its money managers, retaining just three of its nine existing asset handlers.

Fund administrator Richard Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune* Friday that this decision has nothing to do with the performance of each money manager but due to the Fund's new asset allocation.

"It has nothing to do with performance...but because we are moving to a new allocation that fits more our funded status, especially since we have more and more contributions that are delinquent, forcing us to withdraw from the portfolio. We want to adjust the allocation accordingly," he said.

Villagomez said the terminations will take effect within the fiscal year as soon as the board makes its decision. The board has a scheduled meeting Tuesday, May 17.

The Fund has nine money managers: Richmond Capital Investment, Allianz Global Investments, Fisher Investments, Stralem & Company, Franklin Templeton Investments, Renaissance Investment Management, IRM, and Atalanta Sosnoff. They handle the pension program's assets, which are

invested in common stocks, fixed income, hedge funds, and the money market. As of April this year, the Fund's investment portfolio was valued at \$325 million, not including local investments.

Villagomez declined to specify which of the money managers will be let go and who will be hired to replace them.

The reallocation of the Fund's assets was supposed to take place last month but was delayed, pending a review of all

money manager applicants.

The Fund is also finalizing an assets liability study to show the Fund's projected actuarial liability versus actual portfolio and a projection of the Fund's assets through 2028.

Saipan Tribune learned that for the Fund to be fully funded by 2045, it needs about \$860 million in investment funds. The current \$325 million investment reflects only about 40 percent of the needed amount.

Charges to be re-filed against 2 other alleged fruit bat poachers

A prosecutor has disclosed that the U.S. government will re-file charges against two alleged fruit bat poachers, whose cases were earlier dismissed with prejudice.

This comes in the wake of the guilty and not guilty verdicts against retired police lieutenant Adrian Mendiola of charges relating to the 2008 poaching incidents of Mariana fruit bats on Rota.

Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler told *Saipan Tribune* shortly after the federal court announced Mendiola's verdicts on Friday that they will re-test the evidence and will proceed with the re-charging and prosecution of Albert Taitano and David Santos.

Schuler said they will re-analyze the evidence, including some

of the recovered shotgun shells.

Schuler was seen talking with some jurors after the verdict outside Horiguchi Building.

Only Mendiola's jury trial began Tuesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI as the court had dismissed without prejudice the charges against Taitano and Santos following the prosecution's motion. Dismissal without prejudice means the government may refile the case in the future.

Taitano is a Rota Customs Officer 3, while Santos is a Division of Fish and Wildlife staff.

The 12 jurors found Mendiola guilty of unlawful possession of a threatened wildlife but not guilty of unlawful receipt or acquisition of threatened wildlife. (Ferdie de la Torre)

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 16, 2011

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands
Office of the Governor
Saipan, MP 96950
670-664-2200 or 670-234-6866

On or about **May 24, 2011**, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands will authorize the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following project on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Project Type:
Demolition, Design, and Acquisition of a 500,000 gallon API Bulk Storage Steel Tank

Purpose:
To demolish the existing tank and to design and acquire a new 500,000 gallon API Bulk Storage Steel Tank

Cost:
\$630,500.00

Location:
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Power Plant located in Lower Base, Saipan.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Central Office in Garapan, Saipan where the ERR can be examined or copied during regular work hours, Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. All comments received by May 23, 2011, no later than 4:30 p.m., will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and Governor Benigno R. Fitial consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date specified above or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; (b) the Government of the Commonwealth Northern Marianas Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a determination or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the Government of the Commonwealth Northern Marianas Islands has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State, or local agency has submitted a written request that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD/State administration office at address of that office. Potential objectors should contact HUD/State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial, Governor



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WATER TASK FORCE RFP11-GOV-077

Leak Detection and Repairs – Phase 4



Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified consulting and/or construction firms for the field survey, identification, and repair of water system deficiencies in the Garapan Tourist Center, Garapan and surrounding areas. The selected firm(s) shall use specialized leak detection methods in conjunction with on call construction services and information from the recently completed Lower MIHA and Chalan Kanoa/Susupe Leak Detection and Repair Contracts on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, on or after **May 2, 2011**.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **May 13, 2011**, to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce and the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from EDA and OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Four (4) copies plus one original of the sealed Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than **2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Leak Detection and Repairs – Phase 4, RFP11-GOV-077"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time), on June 1, 2011**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or email procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 1, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interests of the CNMI. All Proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial
Governor, CNMI

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

Bank of Guam president and board chair Lou A. Leon Guerrero, fourth from right, is flanked by CNMI senators led by President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), second from right, and House of Representatives members led by Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), fourth from left, during Friday's presentation of a Senate resolution honoring Leon Guerrero's achievements and contributions to the Marianas. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Senate honors ex-TDHC executive Yue, Bank of Guam's Leon Guerrero

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

The Senate adopted separate resolutions thanking former Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino managing director Alfred Chi-Yam Yue on his years of service in the CNMI, and former Guam senator and now Bank of Guam board chair and president Lou A. Leon Guerrero for being a role model in the Marianas.

Senators, in adopting Senate Resolution 17-50 on Friday, thanked Yue "for the many years of service in our Commonwealth, wishing him prosperity and happiness on the occasion of his retirement from Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino."

Yue came to Tinian in 1998 as director of casino operations and a year later became its managing director, a post he held until his recent retirement.

"Mr. Yue provides an example to our young people of hard work and industriousness, as well as respect of the community of Tinian and the countless guests who enjoyed the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's hospitality," the resolution states.

The Senate, as well as the House, also personally presented Senate Resolution 17-47 to Bank of Guam's Lou A. Leon Guerrero during a ceremony in the Senate chamber on Capital Hill on Friday morning.

Leon Guerrero served as assistant director of nursing at the

Guam Memorial Hospital, director of operations at FHP Inc., and a five-term senator in the Guam Legislature from 1994 to 2004.

Her landmark legislation banned smoking in Guam's restaurants and hotels, which advocates hailed as a triumphant step toward a healthier island.

Leon Guerrero is now the board chair, president, and chief executive officer of Bank of Guam.

"Lou A. Leon Guerrero's lifetime achievements are examples of a true public and civic leader and she is a great role model for all, especially women in the Marianas who aspire to be a successful entrepreneur, wife and mother," reads SR 17-47, introduced by Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota).

Leon Guerrero, in an interview at the ceremony, said she's "very honored and humbled" by the Senate's recognition.

"The Senate is a very admirable branch of the Legislature and having this honor is certainly very notable for me. The fact that they recognized my achievements and certainly my successes as a woman and their comments about being a role model and a leader in the women and business community was certainly very humbling and I appreciate it. Thank you for it," she said.

Her achievements as an executive also earned her the 2010 Executive of the Year by the *Guam Business Magazine*.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF:] Civil Action
] No. 11-0112
THE ESTATE OF RITA
KESAWAUL TUDELA,]
] Deceased.]

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND
APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE TUDELA AS
EXECUTRIX AND PETITION TO ADMIT WILL

DATE: JUNE 21, 2011
TIME: 1:30PM
JUDGE: ROBERT C. NARAJA

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS,
CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE
RITA KESAWAUL TUDELA OR OF HER
ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 21st, 2011 at 1:30pm, the Court will hold a hearing before the Honorable Judge Naraja, on Petitioner's Petition for Letter of Administration and to appoint her, Ms. Christine Tudela as an Executrix in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for CNMI, Gunn Huislat, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. You may file any responses to the Petition with this Court and with counsel for Plaintiff Robert T. Torres at his office.

/s/ DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
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MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL &
INSURANCE
SERVICES GROUP,
INC.,] CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,] NO. 09-0458
-v-] NOTICE
DONALD C. CAMACHO,]
Defendant.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 4, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 001 C 60 (formerly part of Lot 001 C 56, which was part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of original Lot 001 C 05, 05, T.D. 697), situated in San Roque Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 12, the original of which was recorded 27 August 1999 as Document No. 99-2037, at the Commonwealth recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, June 03, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

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DPL yet to collect \$13.4M in unpaid land rentals

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

The Department of Public Lands has yet to collect some \$13.4 million in unpaid land rentals, most of them long overdue debts, as financial turmoil continues to plague businesses, land renters, and the general economy.

DPL Secretary Oscar M. Babauta said this uncollected amount covers short-term land rentals, including those rented on an annual basis, two years, five years, or 10 years.

These are separate from uncollected public land lease payments from major investors with existing leases of 25 years up to 40 years, including those of Neo Gold Wings Paradise, Flame Sako, or Marianas Re-

source Development Co. Ltd.

"Right now we're just doing internal collection for the \$13.4 million in land rentals that were not paid. But what's compounding the problem is that many of these rental agreements were execut-



Babauta

ed a long time ago and the businesses are no longer in existence," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

Babauta, a former House of Representatives speaker, said DPL is working on further review-

ing the list of receivables, to

identify which ones could be "written off" from the department's books.

The department also reported earlier that it would need up to \$80 million to retire all land claims in the CNMI.

DPL has the sole authority to manage public lands, as well as the revenues earned for their commercial use.

SCC Corporate Challenge this month

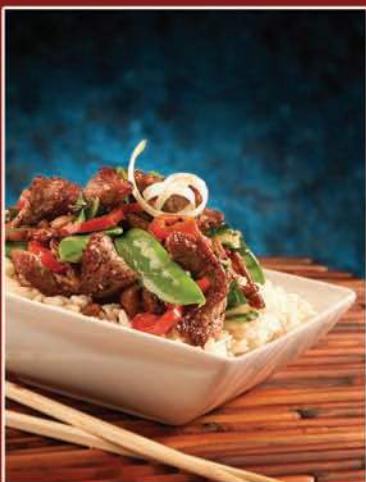
The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual SCC Corporate Challenge Sunday, May 29, 2011, at the Minatchom Attdao in Susupe at 9:30am. Registration begins at 7:30am.

To date, 10 teams have submitted applications. SC traditionally accepts entries from

SCC only, but this year has decided to open up registration to non-SCC member companies. SCC members can enter for \$300 and non-SCC member entry is \$400.

The SCC Corporate Challenge is a fun event that can be used as a company outing or employee appreciation

day. There are competitive races and games with prizes, and a judged tent competition. This year's theme is "Island Style Recycling" where recycled material will be used to decorate individual corporate entry tents. A panel of judges will decide the winners. (SCC)



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May 16, 2000

Phone surcharge fees to fund 911 operations junked

The House of Representatives has junked a proposal to impose monthly surcharge fees for users of both landline and cellular telephone services in the CNMI in order to fund 911 emergency operations on the island. Offered by Rep. David M. Apatang, the measure fails to address the procedures on how such fees would be implemented and their impact on the government which is also phone subscriber and at the same time owner of the 911 system, according to a report prepared by the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications. The panel, which is chaired by Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho, is in fact currently reviewing a similar proposal which is "more detailed and adequate" than the provisions of HB 12-9.

Students outnumber local FTEs

Students outnumber full time equivalents in the Public School System 12 to 1, according to PSS' 13-year local budget history report, noting only a total of 793 local FTEs in the current fiscal year. FTEs, who constitute the total number of people PSS has on board, is less today than it was nine years ago when it reached 811 despite a remarkably lower student population. PSS is now 147 people short from its ideal 1,030 FTEs. The prevailing figure is barely enough to efficiently serve some 9,498 students in its total student enrollment. In the years following 1991, FTEs in PSS rose and fell largely due to lack of funding.

May 16, 2001

CPA's help to develop northern isles sought

Reporter The Northern Islands Mayor's Office yesterday sought the assistance of the Commonwealth Ports Authority in putting forward the proposed development of the four islands north of Saipan through the construction of reliable transportation facilities. Northern Islands Mayor Joseph T. Ogunmoro met yesterday with CPA Board Chair Roman S. Palacios, Executive Director Carlos H. Salas and board member Frank Guerrero to discuss NIMO's long-term plan to develop Anatahan, Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan. Mr. Ogunmoro's office recently came up with an economic blueprint for the islands of Anatahan, Alamagan, Pagan and Agrihan expected to pave the road for the smooth resettlement of displaced Northern Islands residents.

Bills to benefit persons with disabilities backed

The CNMI Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities has thrown its support to three legislative measures that were aimed at helping improve the overall living conditions of individuals with disabilities. Council Executive Director Thomas J. Camacho yesterday disclosed that the GCDD supports House Bills 12-017, 12-351 and pending legislation that seeks to amend existing Regulations of the CNMI Election Commission. In a media statement, the Council acknowledged the Legislature's effort to help hundreds of persons with disabilities in the Commonwealth by introducing policies that address technology concerns and the use of "people-first" language.

May 16, 2002

FAA assures funding for Rota airport

The Federal Aviation Administration assured the Rota government of its full support to see the Rota International Airport Runway Extension program to its completion. FAA Airports District Office Manager Ronnie V. Simpson said that upon completion of the recommended development of the environmental assessment and the update on the Rota Airport Master Plan, the agency would be able to financially support the program. "Upon completion, the FAA will then be able to financially support the recommended development subject to the availability of federal funds," said Simpson.

Increased funding for Tinian sought

House Committee on Ways and Means Chair Stanley T. Torres yesterday noted the need to jump-start Tinian's economy, as he pledged his support for the undertaking. "Tinian has great potential but their lack of infrastructure hampers development. The seaport, airport and roads are all vital to investors. We need to do more to help that island with its infrastructure," said Torres. Acknowledging the significant role that Tinian played in establishing the Covenant with the United States and their leasing of two-thirds of the land to the United States government, Torres said the CNMI government has an obligation to help Tinian with increased financial assistance.

Govt, insurance carrier agree on coverage extension

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Fitial administration and Individual Assurance Company have agreed to extend the life insurance policy for active government employees until December this year.

Retirement Fund administrator Richard Villagomez said the agreement means the central government has permitted the month-to-month extension for another six months, until an agreement is reached between the insurance carrier and the administration.

"IAC was here two weeks ago and we're starting the negotiation [for a long-term contract]. But for now, the coverage is still on an extended contract [month-to-month] through December," said Villagomez.

Wilson replaces Rajebhosale as Hyatt F&B chief

Hyatt Regency Saipan bids farewell to Ranjeet Rajebhosale, the hotel's director of food and beverage since December 2006. Assistant Director of Food and Beverage Michael Wilson was appointed Hyatt Regency Saipan's new director of food and beverage, effective May 11, 2011.

"I can't thank you enough for all the times we have spent together; I will certainly miss the island and the people," said Ranjeet during an intimate farewell cocktail party at the hotel's beachside venue on May 10, 2011. Ranjeet is relocating to Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila in the Philippines as director of food and beverage.

Ranjeet started his career with Hyatt as assistant director of food and beverage at Hyatt Regency Delhi in 2002 and was later appointed director of food and beverage at Hyatt Regency Mumbai. In 2006, he transferred to Hyatt Regency Saipan as the director of food and beverage.

His successor, Michael Wilson, an Australian native, started his career with Hyatt in 2005.

Prior to his assignment at Hyatt, Wilson had experience working as an hotelier in such European countries as the UK, Switzerland and Italy. In 2005, he was catering manager at Hyatt Hotel Canberra before transferring to Hyatt Regency Saipan in 2009 as the assistant director of food and beverage.

In his new role, Wilson will function as the business manager of the food and beverage division, ensuring that all the outlets and the hotel's banquet operation are successful and perform in accordance with Hyatt's standards.

The Hyatt team wishes Ranjeet bon voyage and extends warm congratulations to Michael.

The government's contract with IAC expired in December last year. Since then, the contract has been renewed on a month-to-month basis as the government is still looking for a more affordable insurance plan for employees.

Villagomez assured that coverage of members will not be disrupted while parties are negotiating. He hopes for a resolution as early as September.

Villagomez admitted that a pending measure in the Senate—House Bill 17-77, HDI—is a big factor in resolving concerns.

The bill amends in its entirety a law codified as the "Retirement Fund Contribution to Life Insurance" so that the Fund can negotiate for only one group life insurance for both retirees and active government employees. The government projects to save some \$1.5 million annually if a single policy for everyone is negotiated.

If the measure is not enacted, Villagomez said the government may not be able to afford the current coverage, which it

says is expensive.

Some lawmakers oppose the passage of the legislation because they are concerned about the low benefits that

may result from a single insurance coverage.

Saipan Tribune learned that IAC is not willing to provide life insurance coverage of up to

\$20,000 per member.

The life insurance coverage was earlier expected to expire on Aug. 31 2010, unless parties could negotiate a single and af-

fordable policy for all. IAC extended the coverage for another three months—until December 2010—to give the administration ample time.



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Mozziel, Renita, LJ, and Henry Fleming on their first Holy Communion on May 14, 2011. Also, thank you to teacher Mrs. Malua Peter of the CCD San Isidro. Greetings come from Dad, Mommy, family, and friends.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 5th birthday to Ranasia Bocago! You are growing into such a sweet, outgoing, beautiful girl. Enjoy your birthday and may you have many more to come. We love you. Greetings come from Mommy, Liyah, Junior, and your entire Sablan/Bocago family.

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Happy birthday to my beautiful daughter, Britney F. Mafnas, who is celebrating her special day today, May 16, 2011! With love always, your mom and the family.

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Abarambau enteru el mundu

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Si Nostradamus ha predikta i man-masusesede pagu desde lin-
au, hinalom tasi, pagyu, dilubiu, gera, finatai, pesti, kontodu
abarambau na kinalamten ekonomian enteru el mundu.

Ti namatman i man-masusesede pagu. Kase mas pro-
bechosu yangin un' bisita i silensi na patte gi hinassomu dispues
de minachom atdau ya un' konsidera gi hilu satton na tinayuyot na
u felis haanamu para mona.

I para ta susede 'sino padese, gaige esta gi eskaleran disposision i Saina. I satton siempre uma-ekuñgog, i no sehakassu, kara ratu matompu'. Sensian hinimide mas fitme na biae. Hu hoñge kabales i fuetsan tinayuyot, diariamente. Este un' satton na finanaguen mañainata. Esta mafaposgue ennau na chalan mina' matuñgu' sus-
tansian espirituat kumu presisu diariamente gi haanita.

Yangin unu hau gi offisiat este na islas siha, pues i kuestion ni
mauleg un' oppen maisa i hafa mauleg chicho'mu komplidu para
un' lagnos i tautaumu genen tadoñg na linala' eskablu ni humohogse
siha pagu gi hechuran bahu na ekonomia.

Ni unu hu popoñgga lau na guaha antau na dinaña giya hamyu
mismu ya in' tutuhon umina asuntun linahyan pot i masusesede
pagu. Seguruyu' na siempre u guaha esperansau na ineppe gi ansiau
na diniseha para in' adelanta haanen i linahyan.

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Sinsiyu Na Finaisen

Mientras mas chatsaga i tiempu, mas lokue didog yan fotte kalag-
tusña i kuestion kada botadot kontra kabayeros politika siha gi sin-
siyu na finaisen: Hafa na adelantu in' prebeniye i publiku piof guine
gi sige ha' dumidog na tiempun hai'las?

Makat na kontrariu para maseha haye na kabayeru piof pagu

MOTHERLAND

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frontational in its approach, with the thesis clashing against the anti-thesis toward a new synthesis, the triune process continuing ad infinitum. Conflict is built into the system and adversity a feature in its structure so much so that movement is induced by promoting *pro* and *con* positions, nurturing the predominance of minority extremes. On the other hand, the aim for unity, harmony, and balance, depicted in the movemental image of the yin-yang, is deeply ingrained in the centralized operations of the Sino system.

Deng Xiao Peng, the architect of the current Chinese commercial renaissance, took aside his fellow Hakka, Lee Kwan Yew of Singapore, and in a joint project of the eco-sustaining Suzhou Industrial Park, proceeded to reshape China's landscape and invigorate Sina's thinking. This was Motherland *Mama Nuestra* in motion.

The devil is in the details. Power of grease, patriotically graced with Mao's Rmb portrait, is practiced as a political maneuver toward career change or administrative action, a preferred methodology in getting something done, averting confrontation as a means to action, a sentiment that lies deep in Mama's sucking care. During the Vietnam era, we promoted female inclusion in the armed forces and asked, "Would your Mama send you to war?" The Rmb "corruption" is being rooted out in Beijing but it will be a while since that is hardly a Chinese monopoly. Its global adherents are legion in every clime.

China's national anthem is titled *The March of the Volunteers*, a very telling story of a defensive posture versus the offensive readiness of the professional SEALS that trace its zeal to the halls of Montezuma and the shores of Tripoli. Wonder what the CNMI would be like if the likes of Frica, Tina, Cinta, Pamela, Maya, et al, mother the diversity of their differences, rather than godfather them, as the Legislature is known to do? Isn't that the indigenous way? *Ave Mama, gratia plena.*

na biae sa' taya' listu na ineppe gi sige ha' mas chumatsaga na kinalamten ekonomia. Siña ha' un' tohnen ñaihon hau gi fina eskusu, lau ti un' mana' soplu gineng kabales na ineppe. Obligasion-mu umoppe satton i finaisen i publiku.

Lastima sa' esta kumeke umakamu' i pattidan Covenant yan Republican 'nai siña mafotma planun adelantu. Lau mana' galilieg este na planu. Buente ti man-fitme gi planun kasamiento 'sino sinsiyu na dinaña. Kada unu listu pumega pilea siha gi mamamaila' na eleksion lehislatura.

I problemata gaige gi hechuran taya' areglu malalagnos genen i US Homeland Security yan lamegai na areglu guine ni fumufuñot inestablesen nuebu na bismis. Masosoyu' i depattamiento tanu' na u alulaye ruminueba atkilon tanu publiku siha. Lau este na asuntu pot mantesion solu.

Mamos man-silensi i man-magasta guine na patte. Entre man-animu gi konsiderasian seriosu na planu 'sino maleletke i dichu asuntun linahyan. Pues anog na solu bida i para umarikohe sueddon niha kada dios semana de hemunos i nessessidat publiku.

Ansiosuyu' lokue' lumie' tinalika gi sige ha' dumidog na tiempun hai'las. Lau 'nai i man-ma-elihe no siakassu, taimano ta tum-

bulu mona i asuntun linahyan yangin kada ratu man-losus i lulu' boys gi hegus' i Deni?

Nanalu' an matuka pot asuntun para ta gobietnan maisa hit. Metgot i dinisehan independente lau gaige ha' lokue na mana a'atog dinisehan ayudon salape federat gineng lagu. Ai na hinassu. Buente guaha dañikulu na guinife para umalasgue achiu' Taga' kulan salape' Marianas. I libran ayu na achiu' nahoñg para u disgrana hit gigon ta mueba.

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Sige ta chalegu' inadiñgan para ta fan independente. Mauleg na fina' eksisiusi 'sino fagas ti mabrochas nifen 'an ogaan. Yangin este dichu dinisehata, seja tatte un' ratu ya un' faisen maisa hau kau esta areglau pagamientun todus gi katkuet bandan komunida guine.

Kau guaha mohon fiñkasta para ta kubre nessessidat tano' ta este hinemu, edukasion, ayudon man-na'mase' fina' neñgkano yan fanliheñg. Kumeke ileghu, kau guaha salape Chamorro yan Karolinas para este siha na nessessidat publiku, ahe' ti salape Amerikanu.

Siña mohon tana' setbe achiu' Taga' kumu salape' iya Marianas? Muñiga sa' kada familia debi u famahan karia yan muko' para u pechiñg achoñña. 'De dios mihu!

Hu tuñgu' na siempre un' dia u fattu este na asuntu giya hita. Lau gaige este na attikulu kumu asuntun famaguonta dispues de megai gi entre siha man-ma-eduka ya libianu madiskute sin impiu dinisehan independente na nasion isla.

Letters to the Editor

Help protect Marpi

So far the Friends of Marpi seem to be holding their own. Thanks to the good work of our attorneys, the court granted us a 90-day "reprieve" for working out an agreement with the CNMI government in regard to the power poles in Marpi. Most of those who testified at the hearing in the House chamber on the 12th supported the position of the Friends, that the poles should be removed, and that there should be no further development in Marpi without a land use plan, and public consultation and hearings. There's been lots of support in letters to the editor, in editorials in a local paper, and in letters of support to the web page (www.friendsofMarpi.com).

It took a lot of fancy footwork, though, to get that favorable decision from the court, and there's bound to be a lot more fancy footwork required to make sure our position remains strong, informed, and justifiable. The latest wrinkle is that there's been power at the site all along—a portable generator that pumps water from the well that's been dug to water the grass and to provide water to the restroom! Apparently the generator belongs to the contractor and is scheduled for removal once the contract is complete.

This proves that the approach is feasible. But it still leaves the issue of the poles, not to mention long-term protection for Marpi.

While David Banes is very generously donating his time without pay in protecting our interests, he's not worked alone. He has been working with another very knowledgeable attorney to whom we would like to continue to offer some payment. There are also numerous filing and copying fees involved in defending our cause, that David has said he cannot absorb.

So far, these costs have been covered by donations from supporters. But we need far more for the long haul. We're all struggling with the increase in gas and other costs, with the cuts in pay and work time—and, in some cases, with the fear of reprisal—but if this cause fails, the long range damage to the CNMI could make matters even worse.

Marpi is one of the CNMI's most valuable assets. It attracts thou-

sands of tourists who run, walk, bike, hike, swim, tour its historic monuments and enjoy its open vistas every year. Their visits generate a major portion of CNMI's revenue. If Marpi loses its value, if the tourists stop coming, and the revenue they generate disappears, the people of the CNMI will face even larger increases in gas and other costs, even larger cuts in pay and work time.

We need every one's help—be it a little or a lot, a single donation or one every week or month or quarter—to make sure that our attorneys have the support they need so that Marpi continues to be protected, that the poles leading to the public cemetery are removed, and that no further development occurs without a community-sanc-
tioned land use plan.

Donations can be made by cash directly to Tina Sablan or Laurie Peterka, who will write out a receipt on the spot, or by a check made out to the Marianas Resource Conservation and Development Council, with "Friends of Marpi" written in the memo line. The checks can be given to Laurie or Tina, who are both members of the MRCD Council, or sent to P.O. Box 501969, Saipan, MP, or to MRCD at First Hawaiian Bank Building, 400 Route 8, Ste. 301, Mongmong, Guam 96910. Names of donors will be kept confidential, unless specific permission is given to the contrary.

Ruth Tighe

Tinapag, Saipan

Historical photos of Rota needed

Please allow me to use this venue to advise the people of Rota that I will be on their island all week this coming week to collect information and photographs for *Modern History of the Northern Mariana Islands*. I will have a scanner with me. Individuals who have historical photographs can bring them to the Rota Public Library and I will scan them while they describe the event.

Don Farrell

Tinian

cation Center or attend the Northern Marianas Trades School. We must not feel sorry or guilty for individuals who refuse to help themselves when help is readily available.

How did we, who have a fairly high literacy profile, do it? Didn't we have to sacrifice? If the individual is sick, possesses a low intelligence quotient, then he can be excused. But to just hand out freebies and allow this individual to live as a parasite while we have to struggle is not just. We are merely adding to his dismal condition. And sadly the children almost always follow suit.

Let's seriously consider the above. It's not something to be proud of when about a third or more of our citizens are food stamp recipients and will be so for the rest of their lives, only to have their children follow suit. What a shame and blight on our community! Literacy is the most important weapon to economic success. Shouldn't

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body with little skill and low literacy.

I feel that one of the main reasons for such a high indigenous unemployment rate is that of low self-esteem. Once they are tested in their ability to read and follow instructions, they panic. They are street smart but when asked to stand up to speak, read, and write, they fail. They need help, not pity and handouts! If we don't change this situation, we will never have a literate workforce.

Consider this program. When an employer hires an indigenous employee who tests low in reading, writing, math, and speaking ability, the employee should be mandated to go to an evening school to improve his "literacy handicap." He can attend courses at the Adult Basic Edu-

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 82
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Majuro	Rain	▲ 81 ▼ 78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 59
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 58
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 75 ▼ 72
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 53
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 53
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 79
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 41
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 73
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 68 ▼ 59
Osaka	Showers	▲ 69 ▼ 56
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 49
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 66 ▼ 56
Rome	Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 52
Salem	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 41
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 51
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 69 ▼ 51
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 59
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 72 ▼ 59

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
12:09 AM	Today	Low Tide: 0.9 Feet
5:41 AM	Today	High Tide: 2.1 Feet
12:51 PM	Today	Low Tide: 0.4 Feet
7:37 PM	Today	High Tide: 2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:48 AM	6:39 PM	Today	5:26 PM	4:16 AM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM	Tuesday	6:30 PM	5:09 AM
Wednesday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM	Wednesday	7:33 PM	6:06 AM
Thursday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM	Thursday	7:33 PM	6:06 AM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM	Friday	7:33 PM	6:06 AM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM			GUAM-SAI PAN				
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL288	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
0Z608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	0Z607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1	0Z603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN							

Letters to the Editor

A bill to mandate drug testing

Where are our U.S. tax dollars going? In 2009, while living in Hawaii, my husband and I were both laid off just days before Christmas. I worried for the welfare of my family, knowing our unemployment checks would not be able to support us. Setting my pride aside, I applied for benefits from the state welfare food stamps, only to be denied because we still made too much in unemployment.

A safety net for teachers

The qualified teachers of PSS who are awaiting termination of employment for not meeting the so-called "highly qualified teachers" standards is a done deal, but it could have been avoided if PSS is truly concerned about keeping at least those teachers who have bona fide education degrees earned from an accredited teacher education institution. This is a human resources management issue and it should not be disregarded without taking some alternative action.

PSS has been preparing and pursuing a policy on testing of teachers using the Praxis as the tool to assure all teachers meet its "highly qualified" standard. While PSS spent most of its focus and concerns on teachers taking of the Praxis test, it failed to establish a reasonable policy that would establish a safety net for those qualified teachers who are not passing the Praxis

My infuriation led me here—that those of us living in the U.S. are taxed, especially the working middle class. When we need it the most, there's no help for us. You have to be either dirt poor, lazy, on drugs, or charged with a crime to get all the freebies out there. OK, maybe that's an exaggeration but it sure is frustrating when I see or hear about families on welfare and food stamps for years, making no attempt to get a job or

test. The human resource office of PSS should have been tasked to develop and pursue such a policy that would create a dichotomy between "highly qualified teachers" and "qualified teachers."

Qualified teachers who have not passed the Praxis test(s) could be classified as "para-professionals" and still be allowed to teach students under certain conditions that would permit such practice to prosper and develop into a viable teaching scheme. It would require a creative and innovative approach that is not impossible to implement and make it work.

The real question is whether this makes sense to the management, administration, and BOE of PSS. This could be done. It is now a matter of why PSS has not done so since four years ago.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Revive NMC campus on Rota

This is to address and voice out the need for the NMC campus on Rota. There are some students who graduated a few years ago and do not want to leave the island but they have no choice because there is no college here on Rota. Having the NMC back to normal again is probably *never* going to happen if there are no concerns about the present and future generations. It is really great to see students on Rota campus and having something to do everyday by spending their time going to college on Rota.

Life is very difficult with all the expenditures and what not. When you move off island, you spend more. You rent a home, buy a car, pay for bills, and so on. Having our very own campus on Rota will help some of the people. It may not be a lot but it will really help those students who live here on Rota who want to

go to school and cannot afford to move off island. I really feel sorry for the students on Rota who aren't going away for college. There are some who go to school online but it's still best to go to your own campus, knowing where you graduated from, and not worrying about moving off island to go to school while paying rent and many bills.

Our leaders and representatives should be concerned and not content that the students of Rota are moving out of their island to attend college on Saipan or in Guam when there is a campus on Rota. Move it and do something to get our campus running again because I am sure the students will be happy and not worry about moving. I know this will do good for the island and community.

Abigail A. Manglona
SongSong, Rota

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we sharpen that weapon?

This discussion is not intended to put down anybody on food stamps or on any form of welfare. However if that individual doesn't try to help himself, then yes—he should be shamed. We

must all do our part to first of all contribute to our own welfare and secondly to the community in which we live. Until that lesson is learned, the deadbeats will drag us down. We must aid them for when we do, we aid ourselves. Begin now to motivate someone you know to begin helping himself. If you don't, who will?

I especially think it unfair that I pay taxes, get a very little tax refund or sometimes none at all while the family across the street who doesn't work and has four kids gets a \$5,000 refund when they didn't contribute any of those dollars. I hate it even more when these families are those who abuse alcohol or do illicit drugs. Why should they be entitled to this money?

Venting it may seem to be what I'm doing but who else is frustrated with me? I urge our CNMI senators and House members to set a day aside and draft a bill that will mandate drug testing in the CNMI for those who are receiving benefits paid for by working taxpayers. Anyone on the public trough should be drug tested. It should

also apply to those on CNMI ETC and SHEFA scholarships. A food stamp, Medicaid, or scholarship recipient who fails a first test loses benefits for a year. A second failed test removes benefits for three years. All CNMI government employees should be tested, before and during employment. I would really like these to apply to the PSS workforce and those that deal with children and families. What we are telling them is that you can't go on food stamps, Medicaid, get scholarship money, or work for our government and take drugs. The CNMI should show the world we don't tolerate alcohol abuse and illegal drug use. We're a great place for tourists to visit and for families to raise children. And those who can't live without their vices should be living elsewhere.

Jeaniffer H. Cubangbang
Kodiak, AK

Mean what we say

I really don't understand why all our government offices cannot be built under one big roof, department by department. That will save our government a lot of money. It really doesn't make sense to keep blowing money we can use. Renting is not saving our government money.

It's one thing to talk tough on saving money but another thing to keep ignoring the real problems at a time when our economy is really bad. Nobody is willing to make meaningful major changes. We just like to dance around the problems that we could actually fix once and for all?

Why can't we? First of all, there is this thing called self-interest and there is another called vote connection. This is when you don't want to alienate your fellow locals in pulling out on their rented land because

the consequence is you will lose getting voted into office on Election Day.

If we really want to make changes to help our people, then we have to start doing things that will alienate a lot of landowners who are making a lot of rent money from our government. We cannot have an honest government if others are well off while others are scraping by, trying to pay for food. If we really mean what we say to help our people then we better do the right things for our people and no matter what. We cannot satisfy everyone but at least we can do our best to alleviate the hardship on everyone, including our government, and then we can see some progress in our government and our community.

Joaquin O. Romolor
Portland, Oregon

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Astronauts present Bordallo with Guam flag flown in space



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A Guam flag is flown on board the space shuttle *Discovery* as it orbits the Earth.

► Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo is joined, from left to right, by mission specialist Steve Bowen, pilot Eric Boe, and mission specialist Nicole Scott. The astronauts recently completed the final flight of the space shuttle *Discovery*, on which they brought a Guam flag.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo met with National Aeronautics and Space Administration STS-133 pilot Eric Boe, mission specialist Nicole Scott, and mission

specialist Stephen Bowen in her office on Capitol Hill. The astronauts recently completed the 35th mission to the International Space Station, which lasted from Feb. 24, 2011, to March 9, 2011.

During their meeting with Bordallo, the astronauts presented her with a Guam flag that was flown on board the *Discovery*. Bordallo met with Bowen on July 28, 2010, and requested that

he bring a Guam flag with him on his next mission to space as a tribute to the late CDR Willie McCool. McCool was the pilot of the space shuttle *Columbia*, which was destroyed on Feb. 1, 2003, during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. McCool attended middle and high school in Guam, and he had a Guam flag with him during his fateful mission on board the *Columbia*.

During the STS-133 mission, the astronauts delivered a new permanent module and an external stowage platform to the International Space Station as well as equipment and sup-

plies. The mission lasted nine days and was the final planned launch of the Space Shuttle *Discovery*.

"These astronauts have made significant contributions the fields of science and technology," said Bordallo. "Their work continues to inspire many young adults and children throughout our nation, and I look forward to their further contributions to our nation's critically important space program. The Guam flag that was flown on the *Discovery* will be displayed at the CDR Willie McCool School on Guam." (PR)

Two mariners rescued 20 miles off Guam

GUAM—The U.S. Coast Guard and Navy crews searched early Saturday morning for an overdue 22-foot skiff with two persons on board. The two were rescued as the disabled skiff was taking on water about 20 miles west of Ororo Point, more than 9 hours after their expected return to shore.

Coast Guard cutter *Washington* and a crew from Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 were dispatched to search for the skiff after the report was received just after midnight Saturday. The skiff had departed from Agat Marina on Friday and was expected to return by 6pm that same day. The skiff was reported as not having a VHF radio on board, only a cellular phone, but they were out of range of cellular towers.

After a brief search, the helicopter located a flashing light that was coming from a flashlight on board the skiff. As the helicopter approached the light the people on the skiff shot off flares that the helicopter used to locate the skiff. The two people on board were hoisted off the skiff and taken to Naval Hospital Guam, where they refused treatment and were released.

Coast Guard cutter *Washington* was released from the case upon notification that the two persons were onboard the helicopter.

Mariners are reminded to maintain basic safety equipment on board their vessels and make reports of marine emergencies to emergency responders by calling 911, contacting the Coast Guard Sector Guam Command Center on VHF Channel 16, or by calling 671-564-USCG. (USCG)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-020 LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Administration and Operation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-11-020, Lease of Office Space CUC's Administration and Operation**" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (CST) local time on **May 19, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on **May 9, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP11-DEQ-055**

SUBMISSION: MAY 31, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.
**"OFFICE SPACE LEASE ON SAIPAN FOR THE DIVISION
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OFFICE"**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **MAY 18, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M.**, AT THE DEQ MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, SECON FLOOR GUALO RAI CENTER, GUALO RAI, SAIPAN.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

THE LESSOR MUST COMPLY WITH PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A) - (D)

/S/ FRANK M. RABAUJIMAN
DIRECTOR OF DEQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON
DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP11-DOF-092**

SUBMISSION DATE: DATE: JUNE 16, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.
**"IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM UPGRADE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE"**

THE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD LOCATED ON THE THIRD (3RD) FLOOR OF THE MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA OFFICE #315, SUSUPE OR REQUESTED VIA E-MAIL TO financial_mgmt_upgrade@recovery.gov.mp.

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON **JUNE 08, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.**, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DRIVE.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA E-MAIL TO financial_mgmt_upgrade@recovery.gov.mp NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS **JUNE 03, 2011**.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE, BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT

/S/ LARISA C. LARSON
ACTING SECRETARY OF FINANCE

/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA
CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD


COMMUNITY BRIEFS
NMC graduation 2011 important dates

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all community members to its 31st Commencement Exercise on Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 4pm at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The college is also reminding all graduates to note the following dates:

- May 18, 6:15pm: Graduation Mass at Mt. Carmel Cathedral
- May 20, 4pm: Graduation rehearsal at MHS Gym
- May 21, 4pm: Graduation ceremony at MHS Gym

All graduates are asked to be at the MHS Gym by 3:30pm on May 21 in preparation for the procession.

CUC now open on Saturdays

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s payment section on the first floor of the Joeten Dandan building will now be open on Saturdays, from 8am to 12pm.

According to CUC, the Saturday hours are only for payment processing. All other customer service-related matters and inquiries will be ad-

dressed during regular business days and hours. (CUC)

KHS early dismissal notice

Kagman High School is set to issue its 4th quarter progress reports on Monday, May 16, 2011, from 4:30pm to 6pm. Teachers will distribute for all subjects. Please ask your child for their 1st -4th period teachers' and classroom numbers. This will lessen your time on where to go when you are getting their progress report. Classes will be half-day only;

students will be dismissed at noon. (PR)

Navy training on Warning Area-517

SANTA RITA, Guam—The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on May 17-18 from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (USN)

Free business workshops

The CNMI Small Business Development Center, in partnership with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting the following free workshops:

- How to start a business: May 17, 2011, 9am to 11am
- How to write a business plan: May 18, 2011, 9am to 11am

The workshops will be held at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office on the first floor of the Famila Building

in Garapan. Deadline for pre-registration is 12pm, May 20, 2011. For more information contact Ralph Yumul at 664-3018. Requests for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities must be made 72 hours in advance.

The CNMI Small Business Development Center is partially funded by a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. (SCC)

Change of command for HSC 25

YIGO, Guam—The Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 will hold a change of command ceremony May 19, 10am on Andersen Air Force Base. During this time-honored Navy tradition, Cmdr. Benjamin Reynolds will be relieved by Cmdr. John Compton. The guest speaker will be Capt. Michael Horan, commander of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific.

Reynolds served as commanding officer of HSC 25 since January 2010. He heads to Chief of Naval Operations staff in Washington, D.C. Compton is currently serving as executive officer of HSC 25.

HSC-25 is the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. As part of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, it provides an armed helicopter capability for 7th and

5th Fleets, as well as detachments to various commands covering a diverse mission set. It is also the Navy's only squadron that maintains a 24-hour search and rescue and medical evacuation alert posture directly supporting U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Guam and Joint Region Marianas. (USN)

Services to US armed forces

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter is inviting all U.S. military service members—active, reserve, Guard, and veterans—to attend a "Health & Well Being Workshop" on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

The workshop, from 8:30am to 12pm, will feature:

- Red Cross "Get to Know Us" briefing
- Ruth Coleman of Veterans affairs
- VA clinic Medical Associates of the Pacific, LLC.
- VFW Post Commander

The workshop, breakfast, lunch, and park passes will be provided free of charge for all qualified military service members (DD-214). Military service members are allowed to bring two dependents.

Space is limited, so sign-up today. For more information or to register call or email Le'ah A. Murphy, Red Cross SAF Coordinator, at 234-3459 or leah.murphy670@gmail.com. (PR)



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360 DONATES

The 360 Revolving Restaurant donates \$1,000 each to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter and the NMI Japan Disaster Relief last Friday, May 6. From left, Bhoie Hernandez, 360; Tomohiko Nishida, Tasi Tours; Aya Matsumoto, KSPN; Takayuki Tanaka, R&C Tours; Japan Consul Higuchi Tsutomu; Jim Arenovski, managing director, 360; John Hirsh, American Red Cross; Yoichi Matsumura, PDI; Khat Tejeda, 360; KC Kushihata, Ocean Club Saipan.


Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-025**
LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR POWER DIVISION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office spaces for CUC's Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The specification may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-11-025, Lease of Office Space, Power Division, T&D**" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (ChST) local time on **May 20, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

The proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) local time on May 9, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director


Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

**INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-11-035**
SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms capable of providing Security Guard Services for various posts at CUC, Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Services may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

Contractors must provide proof of "Indemnity Liability Insurance," specifically covering security workers assigned to CUC's compound. Coverage must be a minimum of \$200,000.00.

Bidders shall provide a certification signed by a principle of the company stating that the company is currently in full compliance with all applicable CNMI and Federal Labor Laws and has been for the past Five (5) years. Should the company be unable to provide such certification, the company must provide a written explanation as to why, including a description of any violations of such CNMI and Federal labor laws and remedial action taken. Failure of the company to provide the certification or explanation is grounds to reject the entire bid.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-035, Security Guard Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **May 26, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (ChST)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: mika_muna@cucgov.net. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Bid award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid is responsive to all specification and requirements.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the Invitation for Bids must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), on May 16, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer- charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defect in said bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so is in the best interest of the CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

Business

ACCORDING TO ECONOMISTS

Consumer inflation may be peaking

WASHINGTON (AP)—After weeks of pain at the gas pump and the grocery store, the worst appears to be over.

Oil prices have fallen, with gas soon to follow. Demand for farm commodities, like the corn used in everything from cereal to soda, has dropped. And businesses remain slow to pass along higher costs because customers aren't getting raises and might walk away.

Inflation may be approaching its peak.

"I think the bulk of the big price increases are over," said Gus Faucher, an economist at Moody's Analytics.

Lower prices—or at least a break in their steady rise—will come as a big relief. Consumer prices rose 3.2 percent for the year ending in April, the most since October 2008. Higher food and gas prices drove the gains.

Excluding those two categories, prices rose 0.2 percent in April. They rose 1.3 percent over the past year, below what the Federal Reserve considers healthy. Economists study this figure, known as core infla-

tion, because food and energy prices are volatile.

Some inflation can be healthy for the economy because it encourages people to spend and invest rather than sitting on their cash. More spending drives corporate growth, which makes businesses more likely to hire people.

Inflation was a much bigger concern in March. Oil prices were rising steadily because of the unrest in the Middle East. Some feared gas could reach



In this April 28, 2011 file photo, John Magel, of Wethersfield, pumps gas at a station in Wethersfield, Conn.

\$5 a gallon, leaving Americans much less money to spend on cars, appliances and vacations. That kind of drop in spending would squeeze corporate profits, delay hiring—maybe even tip the economy back into recession.

Now the nationwide average for gas has leveled off. On Friday it was just under \$4 a gallon, where it's been for the past week. Many analysts say it could drop to \$3.50 as soon as next month.

HELP WANTED

Sudden firing smacks of spite

By CARRIE MASON-DRAFFEN
NEWSDAY

QUESTION: My daughter has worked as a special-education teacher for more than two years. She would have been eligible for tenure in the fall. She loves her job and thought it was safe because her school has open positions for people with her expertise. Is the union correct that she can be fired for any reason since she isn't tenured? And can she save her job or at least fight for it?

ANSWER: For answers, I turned to an attorney who represents employees: Alan L. Sklover, senior partner of Manhattan law firm Sklover & Donath and author of *Fired, Down-sized, or Laid Off: What Your Employer Doesn't Want You to Know About How to Fight Back*.

Whether your daughter's employment can be terminated without a good reason depends on language in the union's contract with the school district, he said.

"It is common for union contracts to permit nonrenewal of nontenured teachers without a specified reason," Sklover said. "But it is not universal. The teacher's union should know the union contract quite well, and we must expect the union reps to be honest in their advice."

So Sklover suggests that your daughter contact the union's legal department and ask for a definitive legal opinion on this issue.

As for the principal forcing your daughter to choose between unemployment benefits and a recommendation, the strategy strikes Sklover as, well, unprincipled.

"This principal is not acting

like a professional, but more like a thug," he said. "I highly recommend that the teacher report him to the school board and to the (county) district attorney, for what he is doing is the textbook definition of extortion."

What's more, he added, "Common sense and simple logic cannot be avoided: Either this teacher deserves a good recommendation, or she does not; and either this teacher has a legal right to unemployment benefits, or she does not. She has every right to ask for both, and both should be given to her—if she deserves them. But to tie the two together is at the very least improper and unprofessional, or more probably, 100 percent illegal."

Though standing up for her rights won't be easy, Sklover suggests that your daughter do just that by writing to the board and maybe even the district attorney and sending the correspondence by FedEx or UPS.

"I would strongly encourage this teacher to respectfully insist upon an immediate—and honest—review of the whole matter," he said. "Based on the fact that the principal has never observed this teacher, and based on the principal's poor judgment in this matter, it would seem that this principal may very well be acting out of personal spite or some other improper, unfair motive."

He gave her two options for leaving: If she resigns, she will receive a good recommendation. But if she maintains she was fired and applies for unemployment benefits, she will not get a recommendation. The union said that it couldn't do anything since she isn't tenured and that the school didn't have to have a reason to

Nation

NYC police arrest IMF head for alleged hotel sex assault

NEW YORK (AP)—The leader of the International Monetary Fund and a possible candidate for president of France was pulled from an airplane moments before he was to fly to Paris and was arrested Sunday in connection with the violent sexual assault of a hotel maid, police said.



Strauss-Kahn

Dom inique Strauss-Kahn was taken off the Air France flight at John F. Kennedy International Airport by officers from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and was turned over to police for questioning Saturday afternoon, said Paul J. Browne, New York Police Department spokesman.

Strauss-Kahn was arrested at 2:15 a.m. Sunday on charges of a criminal sex act, attempted rape and unlawful imprisonment, and was awaiting

bathroom, where he forced her to perform oral sex on him and tried to remove her underwear. The woman was able to break free again and escaped the room and told hotel staff what had happened, authorities said. They called police.

The 32-year-old woman told authorities that she entered Strauss-Kahn's suite at the luxury Sofitel hotel not far from Manhattan's Times Square at about 1 p.m. Eastern time

(1600 GMT) Saturday and he attacked her, Browne said. She said she had been told to clean the spacious \$3000-a-night-suite suite, which she had been told was empty.

According to an account the woman provided to police, Strauss-Kahn emerged from the bathroom naked, chased her down a hallway and pulled her into a bedroom, where he began to sexually assault her.

She said she fought him off, then he dragged her into the

bathroom, where he forced her to perform oral sex on him and tried to remove her underwear. The woman was able to break free again and escaped the room and told hotel staff what had happened, authorities said. They called police.

When New York City police detectives arrived moments later, Strauss-Kahn had already left the hotel, leaving behind his cellphone, Browne said. "It looked like he got out of there in a hurry," Browne said.

The NYPD discovered that he was at the airport and contacted Port Authority officials, who plucked Kahn from first class on the Air France flight that was scheduled to depart at 4:40 p.m. and was just about to leave the gate.

The maid was taken by police to a hospital and being treated for minor injuries. John Sheehan, a spokesman for the hotel, said its staff was cooperating in the investigation.

ACROSS THE NATION

La. floodgate opens, diverting Mississippi River

MORGANZA, La. (AP)—Water from the inflated Mississippi River gushed through a floodgate Saturday for the first time in nearly four decades and headed toward thousands of homes and farmland in the Cajun countryside, threatening to slowly submerge the land under water up to 25 feet deep. As the gate was raised, the river poured out like a waterfall, at times spraying 6 feet into the air. Fish jumped or were hurled through the white froth and within 30 minutes, 100 acres of what was dry land was under about a foot of water. The opening of the Morganza spillway diverted water from Baton Rouge and New Orleans, and the numerous oil refineries and chemical plants along the lower reaches of the Mississippi.

Huckabee says he won't run for president

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said Saturday he won't seek the Republican presidential nomination, choosing to stick with a lucrative career as a television and radio personality over a race that would be both costly and caustic. "All the factors say go, but my heart says no," Huckabee, the winner of the 2008 Iowa caucuses, said on his Fox News Channel show. Huckabee's decision further muddies the GOP field as the Republican Party seeks a challenger for President Barack Obama. A prominent social conservative, he ranks high in national popularity polls.

'Hero' charged with murder in 2 fire deaths

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—An Indianapolis man hailed as a hero for trying to rescue two people from a fire at his home is now accused of setting the blaze. Gary Allen was in jail Saturday on two preliminary counts of murder after being arrested Friday. Jail officials could not be reached so it was not clear whether the

32-year-old Allen had an attorney. Tuesday's fire killed 63-year-old Anna Richards. Her 47-year-old son, Jerry Richards, who used a wheelchair, died Thursday from fire-related injuries. Fire officials say Allen admitted causing the fire to get back at the landlord because the residents of the home were being evicted. Indianapolis Fire Cmdr. Cliff Johnson told The Indianapolis Star there was "a conflict between the family and the landlord" and Allen "just wanted to cause some damage."

In reversal, Conn. school says teen can go to prom

SHELTON, Conn. (AP)—A Connecticut high school headmaster has reversed her decision to ban a student from the prom after he broke school rules by hanging his prospective date's invitation at the school entrance. The girl said yes, but Shelton High School senior James Tate was suspended for posting the invitation on a wall in 12-inch cardboard letters. School officials said it was a safety risk. Under school rules, because Tate was suspended after April 1, he couldn't go to the prom with date Sonali Rodrigues. But on Saturday, headmaster Beth Smith announced a policy change. Now, the school decides prom attendance for suspended students on a "case-by-case" basis. In Tate's case, he can go.

Gun goes off while Pa. twins play with it; 1 hurt

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—State police say 12-old-twins were playing with guns at their central Pennsylvania house while their parents were away when one of guns went off, critically injuring one of the boys. The shooting occurred just before 6 p.m. Saturday in East Hanover Township. State police say the twins were apparently playing with a .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol and a 357 magnum revolver when the pistol went off and hit one of the boys. The uninjured twin called 911. Emergency responders transported the injured boy to Hershey Medical Center, where he is listed in critical condition.

Asia

America shows off warship that buried bin Laden body



U.S. aircraft carrier USS *Carl Vinson* is anchored off Manila Bay as it begins its four-day port call Sunday May 15, 2011 with three other warships in the Philippines.

By JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABOARD THE USS CARL VINSON (AP)—U.S. officials welcomed visitors Sunday to the USS *Carl Vinson* warship, from which Osama bin Laden's body was buried at sea, but did not discuss the ultra-secretive attack that killed him, reflecting America's concern over possible retaliation.

U.S. defense officials were taking measures to ensure the security of the operatives involved in the May 2 assault on a walled fortress in Abbottabad, Pakistan, particularly the Navy SEAL team that killed the world's most wanted terrorist.

President Benigno Aquino III, accompanied by senior members of his Cabinet and military chief of staff, were flown to the massive aircraft carrier Saturday as it traveled in the South China

Sea toward the Philippines, a key Asian anti-terrorism ally.

A group of journalists were invited to tour and talk to sailors aboard the 97,000-ton *Carl Vinson*, which anchored off Manila along with three other warships on Sunday at the start of a four-day routine port call and goodwill visit.

During the 30-minute ferry ride to the *Vinson*, U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Wossenyelesh Mazengia told about two dozen journalists that nobody aboard the carrier would talk about bin Laden.

"No one on the *Vinson* is authorized to discuss any operational details that involve Osama bin Laden," Mazengia said. "I'm not trying to say you can't ask, you can."

Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said Aquino and his entourage were given a tour of the warship and an exhibition of

fighter jets landing and taking off from the *Carl Vinson*, including one flown by a Filipino-American pilot.

Aquino, at one point, sat on the cockpit of an F/A-18E Super Hornet fighter jet at a hangar bay as sailors snapped pictures. He talked and posed for souvenir pictures with many beaming Filipino-American sailors, Gazmin said.

But the one thing on everybody's mind—bin Laden's burial from the *Carl Vinson* just 12 days earlier—did not come up. U.S. Navy officials did not touch the sensitive subject and Aquino's group saw it fit not to ask questions, Gazmin said.

"We did not ask for a briefing because it was too sensitive," Gazmin told The Associated Press on Sunday. "It was a friendly visit and we let it stay that way."

Australia says 32 asylum seekers will go overseas

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—A boat load of 32 asylum seekers found in Australian waters will become the first to be sent to Malaysia, Papua New Guinea or another Asia-Pacific country under the government's contentious new strategy to deter future refugees from making the same journey, an official said on Saturday. The government last week struck a deal with Malaysia to swap asylum seekers for bona fide refugees and is negotiating with Papua New Guinea to accept hundreds of people who have paid smugglers to bring them to Australia by boat. The message to asylum seekers is that Australia will not accept any more of them.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Singapore founding father Lee quits Cabinet post

SINGAPORE (AP)—Singapore founding father Lee Kuan Yew resigned from the Cabinet on Saturday, ceding leadership to a younger generation after his party's worst election result since independence in 1965. Lee and fellow former prime minister Goh Chok Tong said in their joint resignation statement they wanted to leave a clean path for younger leaders. "A younger generation wants to be more engaged in the decisions which affect them," they said. "After a watershed general election, we have decided to leave the cabinet and have a completely younger team of ministers to connect to and engage with this young generation." The 87-year old Lee was

prime minister from 1959 to 1990 after which Goh took over until 2004.

Philippine prison fire kills 2 inmates

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Fire officials say a fire has gutted a building at the Philippine national penitentiary, killing two inmates. Fire marshal Roderick Aguto says firefighters found one of the victims on his bed and the other in the hall of the building at the New Bilibid Prison in Muntinlupa city, a Manila suburb. He says the victims were charred beyond recognition and have not yet been identified. Aguto says the building housed 925 inmates and all except the two victims were safely evacuated after the fire broke out Friday. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

World

Mob attacks Christian protest in Egypt



Egyptian Coptic Christians chant angry slogans as they protest the recent attacks on Christians and churches, in front of the state television building in Cairo, Egypt.

CAIRO (AP)—An angry mob attacked a group of mainly Christian protesters demanding drastic measures to heal religious tension amid a spike in violence, leaving 65 people injured, officials said Sunday. The Christian protesters have been holding their sit-in outside the state television building in Cairo for nearly a week following deadly Christian-Muslim clashes that left a church burned and 15 people dead.

More than 100 people rushed into the sit-in area, lobbing rocks and fire bombs

from an overpass and charging toward the few hundred protesters sleeping in the area. Vehicles were set on fire and fires burned in the middle of the street.

Police and army troops fired in the air to disperse the crowd, and a tree was set on fire under the overpass.

The security official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said the attackers had returned to avenge an earlier scuffle with the protesters who pre-

Libyans bury 9 men reportedly slain in NATO strike

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Mourners vowed revenge and rattled off heavy gunfire in a Tripoli cemetery on Saturday as they buried nine men they said were Muslim clerics and medics killed in a NATO airstrike in mostly rebel-held eastern Libya.

The Libyan government gave one account of why the men had traveled from the capital to the eastern front; a cleric at the funeral who said he witnessed the attack in the oil town of Brega gave a different version.

And the government, apparently hoping to turn the

funeral into an outpouring of support for Moammar Gadhafi, announced the time and place on state TV and over text messages. Only a few hundred men showed up, however, and few appeared to be family or friends of the dead. At least a dozen were soldiers.

Highlighting what appears to be a jittery mood among regime officials, a government text message sent early Sunday asked Libyans not to believe "the lying (news) channels, rumors or calls for conflict and destruction."

The text message came after about an hour of sporadic gun-

Ally criticizes Iran's president in power struggle

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—The spiritual mentor of Iran's president has harshly criticized him for his role in an internal power struggle that has split the country's hard-liners, indicating that Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's own support base is badly fraying.

The cleric is the latest high-profile figure to censure Ahmadinejad, who set off the spiraling political confrontation last month by firing the intelligence minister without consulting the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who quickly reinstated him in a

public slap to the president.

The president's mentor, Ayatollah Mohammad Taqi Mesbah Yazdi, said Ahmadinejad is increasingly turning friends into enemies and demonstrating what he called "illogical and cheap" behavior. He made the comments in an interview published Saturday in the hard-line weekly Shoma.

Ahmadienjad and his backers are struggling to regroup after the stinging rebuke by Khamenei over the dismissal of the intelligence minister.

The showdown was inter-

rupted as further evidence of a growing rift between Ahmadinejad and the ruling theocracy and a sign that Khamenei is seeking to tighten his grip on political affairs before parliamentary elections next year and a presidential election in 2013 that will choose Ahmadinejad's successor.

NATO has been intensifying airstrikes against Gadhafi's troops in several areas of Libya in a bid to weaken his brutal crackdown against a rebel uprising. Libya's government has been eager to counter NATO's message that its mission's central aim is to protect civilians.

Ayatollah Mesbah Yazdi, a hard-line cleric who is a close ally of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has harshly criticized Ahmadinejad for his role in an internal power struggle that has split the country's hard-liners, indicating that Ahmadinejad's own support base is badly fraying.

Sensing his vulnerability, rivals in parliament are raising more challenges to Ahmadinejad, including calls to bring him before the chamber for questioning over his policies and alleged constitutional violations.

Health & Fitness

A spoon full of sugar...is toxic?

By LAURA CASEY
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

An academic lecture that lasts nearly 90 minutes usually will get about a million yawns and, if lucky, a hundred hits on YouTube.

But a recently discovered talk by a doctor with a fresh take on the obesity epidemic recently rocketed the YouTube video to viral status. Supporting the thesis that sugar is nothing short of "poison," Dr. Robert Lustig, a professor of clinical pediatrics in the division of endocrinology at University of California-San Francisco, clearly has hit a nerve. And his no-nonsense message about health and sugar is spreading through media channels like wildfire.

The U.S. will not get a handle on the obesity epidemic, Lustig says, if the public continues to view obesity as the result of gluttony and sloth. No one chooses to be fat, especially not the thousands of babies and toddlers in the United States who are obese or at risk for it. That's why obesity should be seen as a public health crisis on the level of AIDS rather than a personal responsibility issue, he argues.



LAURA A. ODA/SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS/MCT
Dr. Robert Lustig gives a presentation on his research into sugar and the obesity epidemic in the United States on April 29, 2011, in Oakland, California.

"(AIDS) initially was thought to be everybody else's problem," Lustig says. Eventually, public policy turned the AIDS epidemic into a public health concern that all people should be aware of and protect themselves against, he says. Research and education policy followed.

A powerful public speaker, Lustig is getting a not-undeserved reputation as an anti-sugar activist. He frequently calls sugar "poison" and a "toxin" and his 2009 UCSF lecture on the subject recently went viral on YouTube with more than 1.2 million views. The speech makes the case that

Americans fill their diets with sugar now more than ever. Our addiction to sugar may be a main reason for the obesity epidemic and, in turn, growing incidences of heart disease, diabetes and some forms of cancer, among many other problems.

"We have to understand what's causing obesity. We couldn't do anything about AIDS until we understood what caused it," he says. The most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that more than 30 percent of men and women in the U.S. are obese and many more are overweight.

FDA clears first new hepatitis C drug in 20 years

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Food and Drug Administration on Friday approved a highly anticipated hepatitis C drug from Merck that is the first new treatment for the virus in 20 years.

The first-of-its-kind pill, Victrelis, has been shown to cure more patients in less time than the older drugs now used.

About 3.2 million people in the U.S. have Hepatitis C, a blood-borne disease linked to 12,000 deaths a year. The current two-drug treatment for the virus cures only about 40 percent of people and causes side effects like nausea, fatigue and vomiting.

The FDA said it approved the new drug based on two trials in which more than 65 percent of patients were cured when combining Victrelis with the two

older drugs. Like HIV drugs, Victrelis will be prescribed as part of a drug cocktail to fight the virus.

Some patients were also able to eliminate the virus in seven months on the drug, nearly half the time needed with the current treatments alone.

Boceprevir works by blocking the enzyme protease that helps hepatitis reproduce. It differs from the older medications that boost the immune system.

"This new medication provides an effective treatment for a serious disease, and offers a greater chance of cure for some patients' hepatitis C infection compared to currently available therapy," said Dr. Edward Cox, director of the FDA's office of antimicrobial products.

The drug, known generically as boceprevir, is designed to be taken three times a day with meals. Side effects include fatigue, nausea, headache and low blood cell count.

Analysts expect boceprevir to reach annual sales between \$800 million and \$1 billion.

The drug is one of two new hepatitis treatments expected to gain approval this month. Vertex Pharmaceuticals is scheduled to receive a decision on its drug, telaprevir, by May 23. That drug is expected to garner even higher sales of up to \$3 billion due to higher efficacy data, according to analyst estimates.

Hepatitis C is the primary cause of liver transplants in the U.S. and is expected to become a much larger public health problem as aging baby boomers succumb to the disease.

Personal Trainer

Athlete's foot

A microscopic fungus that grows rapidly in warm, damp places is the germ that causes athlete's foot, a very common skin infection.



Who gets it?

Most often male teenagers and adults; a few people develop repeated infections

Contagious?

Yes; not known why some catch it, others don't under same conditions

Appearance varies

Skin between toes or on side of foot may peel, crack, redden, become scaly



Treatment

Try over-the-counter antifungal cream first; skin normally responds promptly

Prevention

Fungus grows poorly in dry, clean places; keeping your feet that way prevents infection from starting



- Wash feet daily and dry thoroughly, especially between the toes

- Avoid tight shoes in summer, when sandals and "flip-flops" are best

- Wear absorbent cotton or synthetic socks; change daily or whenever they get damp

- Put antifungal powder on feet and in shoes



Source: American College of Dermatology

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Josephine Castro Sablan

Lovingly Known as "Beng" and "Ofing"
July 19, 1950 to May 9, 2011

Her Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Father – Pedro Camacho Sablan
Son & Daughter-in-law – Michael Anthony & Shao Hong Sablan
Grandchildren – Albert Michael & Collin Anthony Duenas

In Her New Life, she now joins her:

Mother: Alejandra Salas Castro Sablan
Maternal Grandparents: Francisco Manibusan & Asuncion Rabago Salas Castro
Paternal Grandparents: Jose Sablan & Nieves Palacios Camacho Sablan
Nephew: Vincent R. Sablan
Godparents: Gregorio T. & Rosa I. Sablan, Josefa Aldan & Cecil Fields, & Teodocio C. Wesley

She will also be missed by her brothers, sisters, and In-Laws:

Francisco & Rita (Francisco 'Sonnie' & Natalia – Frankie & Triana Rita, Manuela & Joaquin Jr. – Ankie Ton & Cody James), Edward & Frances (Annale' & Joseph Jr. – Edward Joseph & Te'ana Jolei, Edward John & Annette – Edelshia Frances, David & Evelyn (Polly Ann & Jack, David, Mathew & Francine & Mia), Pedro 'Roy' & Ruth (Peter Thorn, Sophia & Floyd – Caden Stone & Madison Priscilla), Juan & Stephanie (Juan Jr. & Alcelia – Cianna Jade & Jazmyn Camille, Peter & Joseph Phillip), Asuncion & Alex Aldan (Ashley, Alexandra & Alex Jr.), Antonette & Greg Camacho (Audrey, Andrea & Alejandra)

She is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, godchildren, komairis, kompairis and friends.

Mass of Intention are being celebrated each morning at 6:00 a.m. with nightly rosaries at 7:30 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

Her remains will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 a.m. Responso Service will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

Please join us in prayers,
Pedro C. Sablan & Family

In Celebration of her new life

†Bernadita Sablan Naputi Dela Cruz

Lovingly known as "Bernie"

April 16, 1963 - May 09, 2011

In Her life, she now joins her:

Beloved Mother: †Matilde San Nicolas Sablan Naputi
Husband from First Marriage: Francisco Arriola "Fal"
Parents In-Law – First Marriage: Gregorio T. and Juliana "Ninai" A. Arriola

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Steven Sanchez DelaCruz
Children: Matilde Renee Naputi DelaCruz
Steven Naputi DelaCruz Jr. and
Jeri May C. Tudela (Henele Joaquin)
Parents: Jose Hocog and Hinara Ada Naputi
Parents In Law: Gregorio Castro and Bernadita Sanchez DelaCruz
Godparents: †Lorenzo I. DLGuerrero, Ignacia I. DLGuerrero, Maria Muna Celis

She will be greatly missed by her Brothers and Sisters:

Maggie Sablan Naputi and Ernie Tengadik (Valerie)
Mariano Sablan Naputi
Joseph Sablan Naputi
Augustin Sablan Naputi and Melinda (Randy & Kimberly, Augustin Jr., Matilde, Atanacio, †Angel Jose)
Maryann Naputi Yamada and Poland (Bo, Rosemary, Jose)
Denita Sablan Naputi / Albert Cepeda (Marjolyn, Blaren, Larry Joe, Joey)
Martin Sablan Naputi and Erlinda (Marlyn, Maelyn, Jose)
Francisco "Pako" Sablan Naputi and Rose Reyes (Kaisha, Brandon, Quianny)
Jolene Ada Naputi
Jowell Ada Naputi and Mayumi Nakazato (T.J.)
Jasen Ada (J.R., R.J., A.J.)
Jonathan Ada and Joicelyn (Jonalyn, J.J.)
Janet Salas/Felix

Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law:

Gregorio Jr. S. DelaCruz and Jean (Brad, Gina, Corraine, Kyle, Kianna)
Martina S. DelaCruz and Valentine Cabrera (Naomi, Serena, Carmen)
Norman S. DelaCruz and Annie (Adilene)
Martin S. DelaCruz and Evangeline Sablan (Bernice, Martin Jr., Esteban)
Jeffrey S. DelaCruz
Jennifer S. DelaCruz and William Salas (Jenelle, Justin, Jayda)
Anabelle C. Frohman and Robert (Brienne, Robert William)
Rose C. Manalo and Jeffrey (Hope, Gregory, Angel, Isabella)
Carmen C. Taisacan and Jonathan (Carmen, Joleo, Pelene)

First Marriage -Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law:

Joaquin S. Arriola/Linda
Pedro S. Arriola/Donna
Rosa S. Arriola/ Thomas Rabago
Juan S. Arriola/Sadako

†Bernie will be reunited with her grandparent's and those who once lovingly shared special moments with family

Jose San Nicolas Sablan
Rosa San Nicolas Sablan

Enrique Ogo Naputi
Sara Hocog Naputi

Antonio Borja DelaCruz
Dolores Castro DelaCruz

Justo Sanchez
Carmen Elameto
Gabriel M. Norita



Funeral Services will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by Interment Service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please Join Us In Prayers
Thank You and Si Yu'us Maase

Steven S. DelaCruz, Children and Family
Jose H. and Hinara A. Naputi, Children and Family
Gregorio C. and Bernadita S. DelaCruz, Children and Family
Family of the late +Francisco Arriola

Life & Style

Depp steers 'Pirates' into critical seas of Cannes

CANNES, France (AP)—Johnny Depp chuckled when asked if he was worried about the notoriously harsh critics at the Cannes Film Festival, where his new swashbuckler "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" played amid far more sober fare. Depp said his family—French actress and romantic partner Vanessa Paradis and their two children—are the only critics he needs.

"My family have seen more of my movies than I have. In fact, a lot more, including this one," Depp said at a news conference Saturday before the "Pirates of the Caribbean" sequel screened. "They've been angels through this process, because I started out secretly testing characters on them to see how the reactions would be. When my daughter was little, we'd be playing Barbies, and I'd start doing these voices. Finally, she just said, 'Stop.'

"So they go and see the movies, and basically, I can tell by their reaction if I did all right or not. So I'm very lucky in that way. They seem to enjoy them so far. I haven't been fired by my kids."

And the Cannes critics? Depp, 47, who spent the first two decades of his career in quirky little movies that rarely found much critical support, was not exactly quaking in his pirate boots.

"Yeah, I've always feared the critics," Depp said, laughing. "They really scare me."

The fourth movie in the "Pirates" franchise inspired by the Disney theme-park ride, "On Stranger Tides" casts Depp's boozy, woozy buccaneer Jack Sparrow alongside a female pirate (Penelope Cruz) and her notorious dad, Blackbeard (Ian McShane), in search of the fountain of youth.

Geoffrey Rush reprises his role as Sparrow's foil, Barbossa, with Jerry Bruckheimer back as producer on the blockbuster franchise and "Chicago" filmmaker Rob Marshall taking the wheel as director. The movie sails into



AP
Actors Penelope Cruz, left, and Johnny Depp arrive for the screening of Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, at the 64th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France, Saturday, May 14, 2011.

theaters worldwide starting Wednesday.

It was a reunion for Depp and Cruz, who previously costarred in 2001's crime story "Blow."

While the characters of "On Stranger Tides" are obsessed with finding eternal youth, the 37-year-old Cruz said she does not fret about growing old.

"Birthdays are always something to

celebrate. I'm looking forward to every step of the way," Cruz said. "Maybe because I'm from Spain, that's looked at in a different way there than, for example, a place like Los Angeles ... there are a lot of things that I keep from my roots. And that's one of them, the way we look at that. I never want to be afraid of that. Change is good."

Can Kutcher man up and keep 'Men' a hit series?

NEW YORK (AP)—There's a new man on the scene at "Two and a Half Men." But is Ashton Kutcher man enough?

With Friday's announcement that Kutcher will be replacing Charlie Sheen, viewers could begin to wonder how he will be plugged into the hit sitcom's tight little world. Can his particular appeal fill the void of the caustically droll Sheen? And just who the heck will his character be?

Neither CBS nor Chuck Lorre, the series' creator, were giving any hints as they confirmed the deal to bring Kutcher into a show where Sheen's character was the comic center, portraying an advertising jingle writer with a playboy lifestyle and an overwrought brother.

Kutcher, who first found sitcom stardom more than a decade ago on "That '70s Show," specializes in puppy dog wholesomeness and laid-back, goofy sexiness. He's perhaps the anti-Sheen.

"We are so lucky to have someone as talented, joyful and just plain remarkable as Ashton joining our family," said Lorre, also the show's executive producer. "Added to that is



AP
In this 2006 publicity photo released by Fox TV, the cast of "That '70s Show," from left, Debra Jo Rupp, Ashton Kutcher, Tommy Chong and Kurtwood Smith are shown.

the deep sigh of relief knowing that our family stays together. If I was any happier, it'd be illegal."

"I can't replace Charlie Sheen," said Kutcher, adding that he plans to work hard "to entertain the hell out of people."

Kutcher's quote was the news release's sole mention of Sheen, who, two months ago, was fired by Warner Bros. Television when it cut short production of the show's eighth season following Sheen's public implosion through hard partying and angry criticism of Lorre.

The character that Sheen had played until then drew comic inspiration from his own life of sex sprees, serial marriages and substance abuse.

That character, named Charlie Harper, had started with a bang.

"I make a lot of money for doing very little work," he boasted on the show's premiere in 2003. "I sleep with beautiful women who don't ask about my feelings. I drive a Jag. I live at the beach."

Charlie was speaking to his dweebish, high-strung chiropractor brother, Alan (Jon Cryer), whose wife had just thrown him out of the house. Alan and his son, Jake (Angus T. Jones), had crashed with Charlie. There they stayed.

The gist of "Men" lay in the disparity between Charlie's life of plenty and

At Disney, the studio that bankrolls the "Pirates" franchise, change was not always seen as good. As the first movie was in production—"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"—Disney executives had hoped for a more conventional swashbuckling hero than Depp's Sparrow, whom the actor patterned on a cross between rocker Keith Richards and the cartoon skunk Pepe LePew (Richards reprises his role as Sparrow's father in "On Stranger Tides").

Sparrow mumbles, minces, prattles and prances. He wears heavy eyeliner and a mess of baubles in his braided

hair and beard. His clothes resemble a gypsy's castoffs as much as the attire of a dashing pirate.

"There wasn't a group of Disney upper echelon who had any enthusiasm whatsoever for what I was doing," Depp said. "They almost subtitled me."

But with \$2.7 billion in worldwide box office for the first three "Pirates" movies, no one at the studio gripes about Sparrow's idiosyncrasies now.

Bruckheimer has a script for a fifth "Pirates" movie in the works, and Depp said he's on board to keep playing Sparrow as long as the right ingredients go in.

Swinton talks blood, birth and tomatoes in Cannes

CANNES, France (AP)—Tilda Swinton plumbs the depths of grief and despair for her role as a mother whose 15-year-old son commits a school massacre. But the scariest moment making "We Need to Talk About Kevin" involved being pelted with rotten tomatoes in an unruly mob.

The film's arresting opening scene shows Swinton's character, a travel writer, in a sea of red goo and writhing bodies at the Tomatina festival in Spain. Director Lynne Ramsay had Swinton plunge into the melee, in which tens of thousands converge on the town of Bunol for a messy food fight.

The scene is vivid, exhilarating, overwhelming and frightening—rather like the film's depiction of parenthood.

"It was really, really intense," Swinton told The Associated Press at the Cannes Film Festival, where "Kevin" is an early favorite to take prizes. "It's not the kind of thing where you can say, 'We have to do it again.'

"Every time I see the images I can smell the mixture, not only rancid tomatoes and beer—and probably a fair amount of (urine) as well, because

Alan's frustrated existence.

"My life is pathetic," Alan moaned on an episode this season. "On the other hand, Charlie's life is great."

But now Charlie is gone, and, with him, the show's dependably winning formula.

The deal to replace him with Kutcher apparently came together quickly, following reports this week that negotiations with film actor Hugh Grant to join the show had fallen through. A deadline on deciding whether the show would continue was looming, with CBS set to unveil its fall schedule to advertisers in New York next Wednesday.

Besides "That '70s Show," Kutcher's credits include film roles like the romantic comedy "No Strings Attached" and his producing and hosting roles for the prank show "Punk'd."

Kutcher is not as well-known as Sheen but, at age 33, is a dozen years younger and has a huge flock of fans who check in on his every utterance on Twitter.

It was on Twitter, of course, where on Thursday Kutcher gave his followers a sly clue for what was coming.

"What's the square root of 6.25?" the actor asked in a tweet.

The answer is 2 1/2.

Once the news was out Friday, Sheen was tossing around numbers, too.

"Enjoy the show, America," he said in a statement. "Enjoy seeing a 2.0 in the demo every Monday, WB."

Sheen used TV lingo to predict failure for the revamped "Men." He referred to a 2.0 Nielsen Co. rating among the 18- to 49-year-old demographic that advertisers often seek. This season, "Two and a Half Men" averaged a 4.1 rating in that group.

Actually, Kutcher might be expected to have a younger following than Sheen and one that could be curious about his new role. The difficulty might be the older makeup of CBS' audience in general, more Sheen's crowd than Kutcher's.

Sheen, in his statement, advised Kutcher to "Enjoy planet Chuck. ... There is no air, laughter, loyalty or love there." That's a reference to his feud with former boss Lorre, which has hardly abated since his sacking.

And it had to serve as a reminder to Lorre that, amid many unanswered questions, one thing is already clear: with Kutcher, the "Two and a Half Men" set will be a much more peaceful place.

Will it be as funny?

Azerbaijan wins Eurovision Song Contest



AP
Winners Ell/Nikki, Nigar Jamal and Eldar Gasimov, from Azerbaijan celebrate winning the final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2011 with their song 'Running Scared' in Duesseldorf, Germany, Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Country's 'royal couple' ready to get hitched

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—The most anticipated wedding in the country music world this year doesn't involve a prince or a Middleton.

Country's royal couple, Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton, are tying the knot Saturday in Texas.

"I'm excited to get married," Lambert told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "It's been a year almost that we've been engaged. So I'm just sort of ready for it to get here."

Lambert has been getting in shape for the big day since before the Country Music Association Awards in November to avoid doing a crash diet.

"I've sort of been gradually working down, losing some weight and working out," Lambert said. "I definitely want to be a fit bride. So I'm just trying to keep myself in a good routine, a healthy routine."

Apparently, her cardio includes hunting. Lambert recently posted a picture of a deer meat package on Twitter, writing: "Last thing loaded for the wedding!!! Harvested by... me!!!!" The couple plans to serve venison at the reception.



Shelton

Lambert

Lambert also tweeted that she was getting her nails done and making a final trip to Walmart—all reassuring Shelton she won't get cold feet.

"My hopes for the wedding is that she doesn't back out, because not only would it break my heart, but it's go-

ing to be a very expensive party to not have at least gotten married there," he told the AP. "But the music is going to be a lot of fun."

Neal McCoy will be performing, he said.

Lambert promised the wedding won't end like her music video for "White Liar," in which the bride confronts her cheating husband-to-be during the ceremony and leaves with the best man.

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The pair, clad in a white suit and a floaty white gown, were awarded the trophy from Germany's 19-year-old Lena Meyer-Landrueth, who had sought to make history by defending her title for a second consecutive year in a row. She finished 10th with the sultry "Taken By A Stranger."

Second place went to Italy—back in competition after a 14-year hiatus—with 189 points for Raphael Gualazzi for his jazz number "Madness of Love." Close behind him in third place was Sweden's Eric Saade, singing the dance pop song "Popular," with 185 points.

Azerbaijan had been among the entries favored to win heading into the competition, but other favorites, including the much-hyped Irish duo Jedward, nor the British bookies' top pick, French tenor Amaury Vassili, came in among the top 10 finishers.

Formal wedding pictures offer portrait of the times

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Would you please explain to me why today's brides still take formal bridal portraits?

To me, the "W-E" in "wedding" signifies a bride and groom sharing equally in earning a living, raising children and performing household functions. Shouldn't a wedding portrait be of the two people together?

SHIRLEY IN HOUSTON

DEAR SHIRLEY: Superstition may have something to do with it. It's supposed to be bad luck for the groom to see the bride's dress before the wedding, which is when the bridal portrait is usually taken. In years past, couples would pose together for their engagement picture, which was then published in the newspaper with their engagement announcement.

In the early 20th century, couples did have their wedding portrait taken together. I have a copy of my maternal grandparents' wedding picture in which my grandfather is sitting (formally dressed) and my grandmother is standing next to him in her wedding dress.

After receiving your question, I called celebrity photographer Harry Langdon, and we had an interesting discussion. He explained that the rules for wedding photography are constantly evolving, reflecting the time in which they are taken and the culture of the couple involved.

He went on to describe a memorable photo shoot in which he was taking wedding pictures for a royal family. Not understanding the culture, Harry posed the bride standing in front of the groom, thinking it would symbolize the man's "power and protection of his wife." A security guard promptly pulled Harry aside and pointed out that in their country, women do not stand in front of the men—they stand behind them. In addition, a very attractive female makeup artist had been booked for the photo session, and the king proceeded to flirt with and ogle her in such an obvious manner that she became embarrassed, walked out and refused to return.

Another couple was the photogenic governor of a state I won't mention and his bride, a famous beauty. As he was posing them, Harry instructed the governor, "You sit here, and we'll have your bride stand behind you—the 'supportive woman behind the man'..."

"No," she interrupted. "I'm going to be in front."

"No, wait," the governor interjected. "I'm the governor. I should be in front!"

The proceedings went downhill from there. The disagreement then turned to the lighting Harry was using. The bride was wearing heavy makeup, and after checking the lens, Harry said, "We'll need to change it because the man is usually darker in these pictures."

"Why?" asked the bride.

"Because the guys are out there, beating the bushes, hunting and gathering, supporting the family," answered Harry.

"What about us women? We're out there supporting the family, too!" she retorted.

It was a difficult session—and no, the marriage didn't last.

LAUGHING IN CALIFORNIA (AKA ABBY)

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Couric to leave CBS newscast next week

NEW YORK (AP)—Katie Couric will make her exit from the "CBS Evening News" next Thursday. The network on Friday announced her exit date. She'll be leaving short of five years as CBS' top anchor, and shy of the June 4 expiration date of her contract. Scott Pelley will take over as the new "CBS Evening News" anchor on June 6. Couric hasn't announced her next move, but has been looking at a daytime talk show and discussing her future with ABC News. Couric's executive producer at the evening news for the past four years, Rick Kaplan, this week took a new job

overseeing political coverage at ABC News and producing Christiane Amanpour's Sunday morning political show.

Disney: Detroit to host Oz prequel

DETROIT (AP)—Oz is hitting the yellow brick road for Michigan. A Detroit-area studio says it will host filming of the Disney movie, "Oz," a prequel of the classic, "The Wizard of Oz." It says it'll be the largest feature to shoot in Michigan. Raleigh Michigan Studios said Friday the Sam Raimi-directed film will be the first movie to occupy the just-completed sound stages in Pontiac at the site of a former General Motors truck

plant and office complex. "Oz" expects to begin shooting in August and will occupy the studio through the remainder of the year. The announcement comes as uncertainty surrounds the state's film industry. Gov. Rick Snyder has proposed a limit of \$25 million a year on incentives as part of his budget-savings plan.

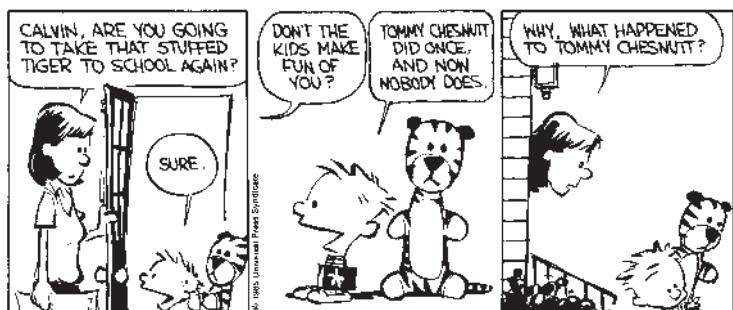
Jon Stewart to rap with Bill O'Reilly on 'Factor'

NEW YORK (AP)—Bill O'Reilly wants to rap with Jon Stewart. The host of Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" has invited the host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" as a guest Monday. Fox News said Friday that

O'Reilly and Stewart will debate the invitation for Grammy Award-winning rapper Common to perform at a White House poetry night this week. O'Reilly has criticized Common's presence at Wednesday's event. He says some of Common's lyrics celebrate violence. Common is known for socially and politically conscious rhymes. He was on his best behavior at the White House. He took the criticism in stride and tweeted, "Fox News doesn't like me." He added on Facebook, "Peace y'all!" Stewart let loose with an anti-Fox News Channel rap on his show. The O'Reilly-Stewart faceoff airs Monday at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson

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By Bryan Basset

The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	40	Greek cross	59	Small barrel	11	Christian denom.
1	Marsh-land	41	Crumby earth	16	Meadow	12
4	Trusty horse	43	Teen's wall decoration	20	Leave out	21
9	Easter entree	45	Opportunity	21	Charts	22
12	"Hail, Caesar!"	47	Tribute in verse	23	Reed instrument	24
13	Individually owned apartment	48	That	25	Distinguishing characteristics	26
14	Exist	49	woman	26	Nova —	27
15	Scary party time	50	Spice Girl	27	Rose to great heights	28
17	Allow	51	Geri	28	Away from WSW	29
18	Summer (Fr.)	52	Noah's boat	29	Plant hillside	30
19	Simoleons	53	Bottled water brand	30	Thy	31
21	Angora yarn	54	Storm center	32	Muscat's country	33
24	Upper limbs	55	Two (Sp.)	34	Manic-depressive	35
25	Lawyers' org.	56	Prognosticators	36	McDonald's logo	37
26	— Lingus	57	Neighborhood	37	"The Thinker" and "The Kiss," e.g.	38
28	Wait patiently	58	Solution time: 24 mins.	38	Go	39
31	Game played on horseback	59	SPAOILSSASH	39	Stitch	40
33	Newcomer to society	60	YENBRATIDLE	40	African nation	41
35	Poi base	61	NETLAVALEAR	41	Medal earner	42
36	Alabama city	62	CLIMATECHANGE	42	False-hood	43
38	Evergreen type	63	ATEKOI	43	"A mouse!"	44
		64	IFASFWEFGAP	44	Caustic solution	45
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		69	ROSAFATFOY	49		
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Saturday's answer 5-18

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STUMPED?

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Megan Fox, 25; Tori Spelling, 38; Janet Jackson, 45; Pierce Brosnan, 58

Happy Birthday: This is a money year for you. Focus on how to make your assets grow in value and your investments bring you long-term financial security. Put more effort into your job and spend more time nurturing the relationships you have with colleagues and superiors. Love and self-improvement are highlighted. Your numbers are 3, 10, 13, 23, 25, 36, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your impulsiveness will get you into trouble. The competition is fierce and your mindset must be on giving more and taking less. Your diligence, hard work and patience will bring good results. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't skirt issues pertaining to partnerships. Being upfront and certain about what you want and how you see things unfolding will put you in a power position and enhance your reputation. Plan some short trips. **★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It will be easy to misinterpret what someone wants you to do. Stay on top of your work situation. You may have to reinvent the way you offer your services. It will help you gain ground financially and professionally. **★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The way you handle others will determine how far you can go. Being a team player and offering whatever you can to help those in need will show your integrity and versatility. Listen to the voice of innocence. **★★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): Emotional issues will surface if you aren't able to get to the bottom of problems facing a partnership. Getting along with the people you deal with the most will be a challenge but, once you find common ground, much can be achieved. **★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do what needs to be done before you ask for any favors. Your reputation may be questioned if you don't appear to be doing your share. Opportunities are present but you have to be fully prepared with expertise, knowledge, time and money in order to make gains. **★★**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Things are finally starting to look up. Opportunities are within reach and the

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't underestimate the competition. Someone isn't likely to play fair. Cover your back without being blatantly obvious. Someone you thought you could trust will let you down. Be prepared for whatever comes your way and you will outsmart even the foxiest maneuvers. **★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make your dreams come true with a little effort. Self-improvement projects, updating your looks or taking a day off to rejuvenate will enable you to come up with superb plans for the future. A lifestyle change is in order. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Money matters must be taken care of promptly. Good fortune is within reach if you are smart in the way you handle your financial affairs. Purchasing property or learning a trade skill will help you advance professionally. Don't let love cost you financially. **★★★**

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are on to something big. Flush out your ideas and look at the possibilities. Draw up contracts and put your plans into motion. Love is on the rise and a connection to someone who makes you happy will be enhanced. **★★★★**

Birthday Baby: You are expressive and popular. You are stable, responsible and set in your ways. You welcome a challenge.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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8	4	3	5		1			
	1	2	3	6				
6	4		2	5				
5	7	4	8					
3	6	1	7		4			
5				9				
6	8	7						

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

3	9	1	8	5	7	2	4	6
2	7	8	3	4	6	9	5	1
4	5	6	2	9	1	7	8	3
1	4	3	9	6	2	5	7	8
7	6	9	1	8	5	4	3	2
5	8	2	7	3	4	1	6	9
9	2	5	6	7	8	3	1	4
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6	3	7	4	1	9	8	2	5

Difficulty Level ★★★★

WONDERWORD

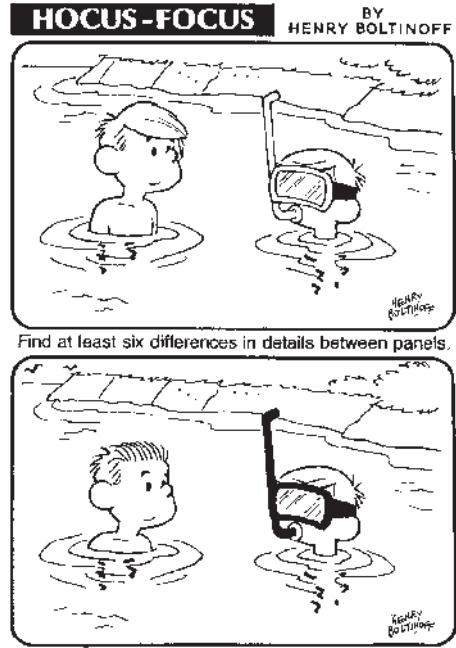
HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

HOTEL GHOSTS

By DAVID OUELLET

Solution: 9 letters

V	I	S	O	N	S	E	R	U	T	C	I	P	S
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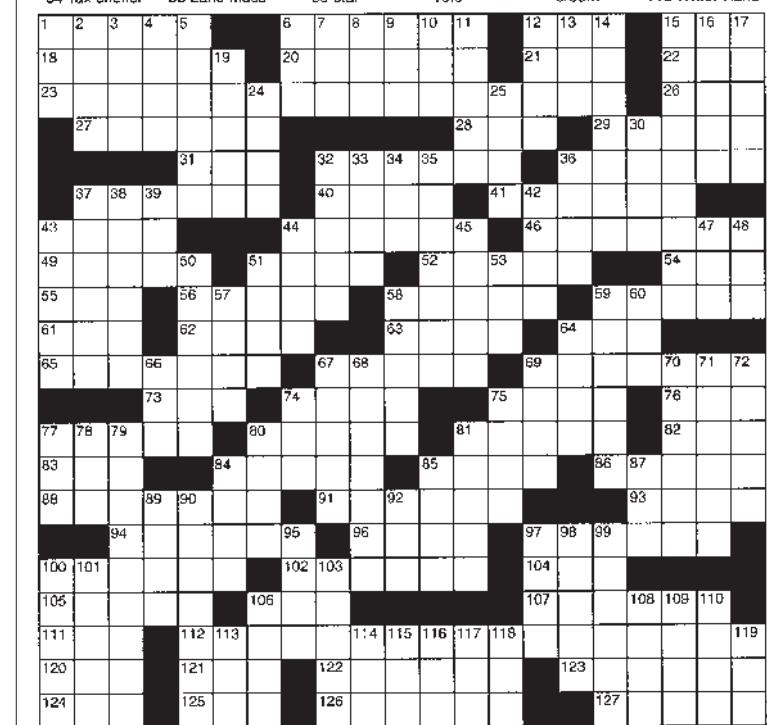
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Super Crossword

ACROSS	55	Animated Olive	91	Wilbert Harrison alt	3	To — (perfectly)	42	Sacred image	79	Johnny Horton hit
1	Roofing material	56	Propread-er's mark	93	Doesn't come clean	4	Petite poches	80	WWII unit	
6	Litigates	58	Word with tea or pepper	94	Daze Haven, CT	5	Builds	81	Dock of the bay	
12	Director Peckinpah	59	Get more magazines	95	Exhausted	6	Paid player	82	Put the whammy on	
15	Bull's babe	61	Jack of "Flower Drum Song"	100	Enigmatic sort	7	Actor Ayres	83	Galileo's birthplace	
18	Florida eleven	62	Be — unto oneself	102	Lost	8	Musical sensitivity	84	Heidi's hangout	
20	40th president	63	Tear to bits	104	Essen exclamation	9	Past Wagner's	85	Racer Luyendyk	
21	Baudelaire's buddy	64	Marry	106	First zoo?	10	Rheingold"	86	Nocturnal visitor	
22	Nabokov novel	65	Patti Page hit	107	Concerto	11	Look like Hook?	87	Subway unit	
23	Mitch Miller hit	67	Scold	111	Bachelor's last words	12	Cash stash	88	Merit	
26	"Agnes —"	68	She's a sheep date	112	Gladys Knight hit	13	Qty.	89	It's a long story	
27	Throw a line to	69	Sisters hit	120	New Deal	14	Blend	90	Caustic	
28	She's a sheep date	73	Tenor Slęzak	121	— later date	15	Mamas & Papas hit	91	Conversation pieces?	
29	Bakery display	74	Corporate VIP	122	Used a fiber	16	"Golden Boy"	92	Gleam	
31	— Aviv	75	Butlap	123	Through the nose	17	Dramatist	93	Clerical title	
32	Blazing	36	Most	124	Cartoon cry	18	Dress part	94	Excludes	
36	mammoth	37	Elegant	125	de guerre	19	Turns about	95	Smith or Sandler	
40	Pebbles' papa	40	Pebbles'	126	Beethoven's "Moonlight"	20	Portra I painter	96	ER explanation	
41	— Leone	41	Leone	127	Dutch artist	21	Peter	97	Painful	
43	Black and white	42	Black and white	128	Jan	22	Is in debt	98	Eye appreciatively	
44	Bing Crosby hit	44	Winter hazard	129	TVs	23	Tai town	99	Robert of "Quincy, M.E."	
46	Service member?	46	Service member?	130	"Scooby —" DOWN	24	G-sharp's keymate	100	Sticky stuff	
49	Tilden's opponent	51	Seize	131	Too experienced	25	Chow	101	Savage sort	
52	Slip of the tongue	52	Slip of the tongue	132	1 Cpl.'s superior	26	Christopher Stuck fast	102	La-la lead-in	
54	Tax shelter	54	Tax shelter	133	2 Bolger/ Haley co-star	27	Munich mister	103	Asian holiday	



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

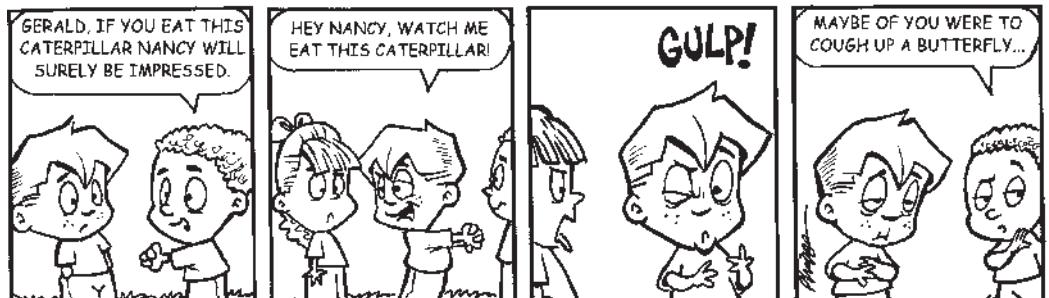
- MEASUREMENTS: How long is a stade, an early Greek measurement?
- MOVIES: What movie featured the Bing Crosby song "Swinging on a Star"?
- ENVIRONMENT: What is the largest World Heritage Area designated for protection?
- GAMES: In parcheesi, what number do you have to roll to move a piece to its starting position?
- TELEVISION: What TV series showed network television's first interracial kiss?
- MEDICAL: What common food has been traditionally used as an ointment for wounds?
- COMICS: What breed of dog is Charlie Brown's Snoopy?
- MUSIC: What instrument did musician Pablo Casals play?
- BIBLE: How old was David when he became king of Israel?
- LITERATURE: What was the pseudonym of Baroness Karen Blixen?

10. Isak Dinesen, "Out of Africa"
9. About 30 years old
8. Celio
7. Beagle
6. Honey
5. "Star Trek"
4. Five
3. Great Barrier Reef
2. "Going My Way"
1. About 207 yards, or the length of a stadium

ANSWERS



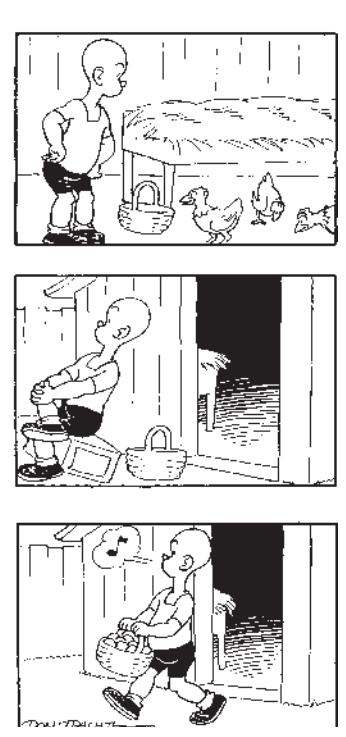
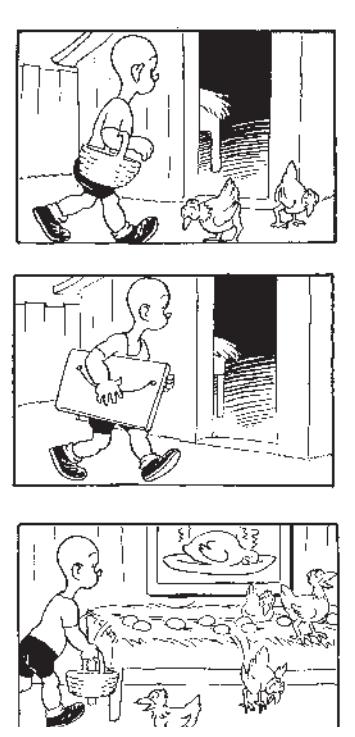
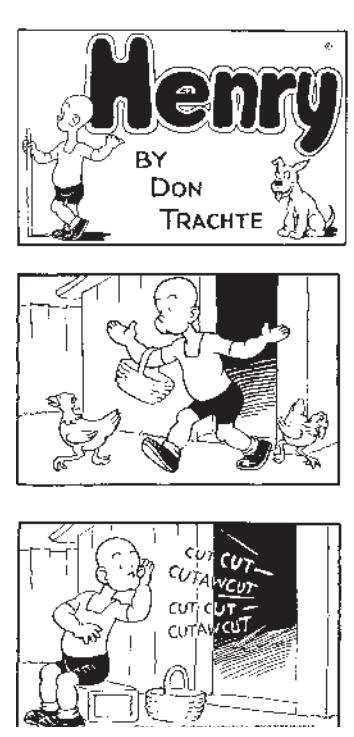
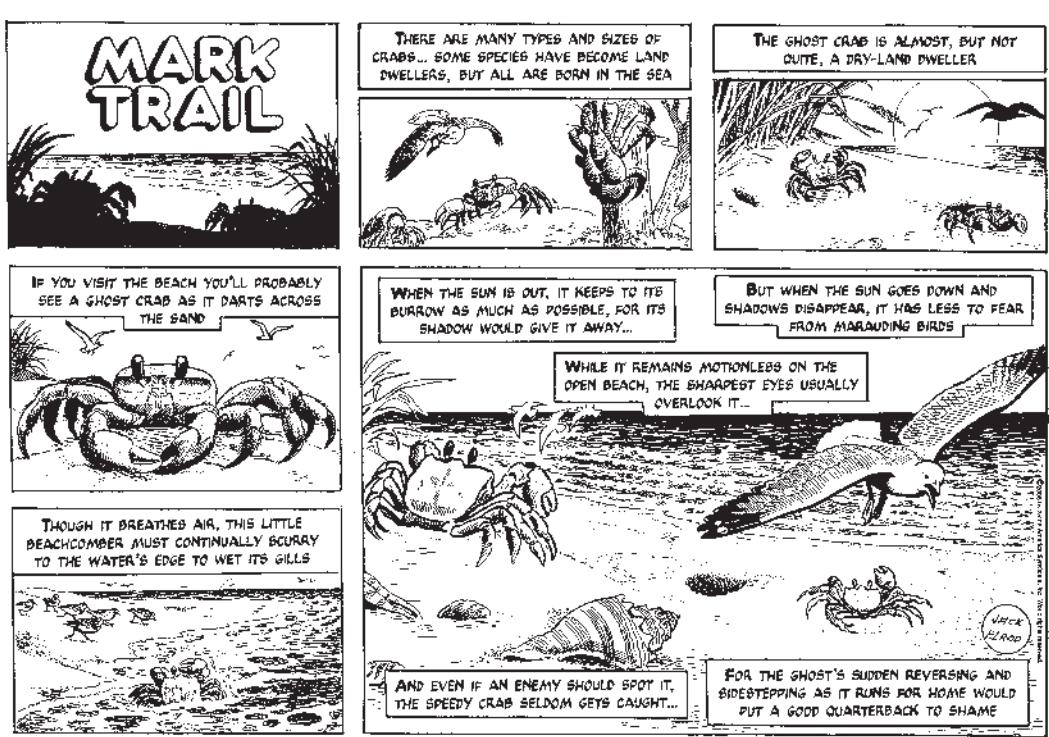
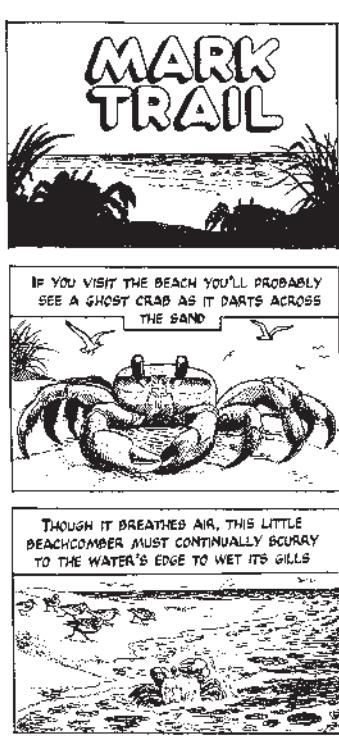
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Rose, Bulls face big test against Heat



Chicago Bulls power forward Carlos Boozer (5) reacts to a goal with teammates Keith Bogans, left, and Derrick Rose (1) in the third quarter of Game 6 of an NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series against the Atlanta Hawks, Thursday, May 12, 2011, in Atlanta.



DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Derrick Rose saw the talent, saw the attitude and saw no reason why this couldn't be a special season for the Chicago Bulls.

Well, 62 wins and two playoff series victories later, it's still going strong. The Bulls knocked off Atlanta on Thursday and now comes their toughest test: LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference finals.

"We know that we have something special in front of us," Rose said.

Not since Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen were wrapping up their second championship three-peat in 1998 have the Bulls advanced this far.

The Bulls won more regular-season games than any other team, locking up homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs after a massive roster overhaul that came on the heels of back-to-back 41-win seasons and first-round playoff exits. The moves that sparked the turn-

around are well-documented, from the firing of Vinny Del Negro and hiring of Coach of the Year Tom Thibodeau to the execution of their backup plan after James, Wade and Chris Bosh wound up together in Miami.

The Bulls instead got bruising power forward Carlos Boozer and a cast of role players that gave them one of the league's deepest rotations. Of course, it helped that a certain point guard from the city's South Side continued his rapid rise.

Right from the start, Rose wondered why he couldn't be the MVP. It turned out there was no reason why. Now, the question is: Can he and the Bulls get by the Heat?

"They have great players on their team," Rose said. "Great passers. They have great shooters on their team."

The Bulls boast the youngest MVP in Rose, who at age 22 delivered one of the best all-around seasons by a point guard and became the only

Chicago player not named Jordan to win the award. He averaged 25 points and 7.7 assists, making him the only player this season to rank among the top 10 in both categories.

The playoffs haven't been as easy.

He struggled at times against Indiana's double teams in the opening round. His shooting is down from 44.5 percent to 40 percent in the post-season, too. Even so, he's still averaging 28.8 points and 8.2 assists.

"We've been a team all season," Boozer said. "It hasn't been a one-man show. But our one man's pretty good!"

Boozer wasn't bad, either, in the clinching Game 6 win against Atlanta and that was a good sign for the Bulls. He scored 23 points on 10-of-16 shooting, grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out five assists in what was easily his best performance of the post-season after being limited by a turf toe injury on his right foot.

If he keeps that up, he'll be hearing

Restless Durant eager to make amends in Game 7

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Kevin Durant had trouble sleeping, trying to shake off the worst playoff performance yet in his young NBA career.

After the league's scoring champion managed just 11 points in Oklahoma City's loss that set up Game 7 Sunday against the Memphis Grizzlies, Durant woke up Saturday still thinking about what went wrong.

Durant took nine of his 14 shots from behind the arc, and he made only one basket over the last 45 minutes of the game.

"It was tough," Durant said. "That's a part of this league. It's going to happen."

"Especially being one of the main guys, I tend to take a lot of the pressure and put it on myself. But it is what it is. I've got to fight through it, I've got to continue to be positive around my guys and go from there."

At least by morning, his dreams had taken a turn for the better.

"I made a lot of my shots, of course, in the dream. It wasn't a nightmare," Durant said. "I made some shots and we won the game."

"But that's just a dream."

Like most of the other players in a matchup of two of the NBA's rising young teams, Durant has never experienced a Game 7. The Thun-

der lost to the Lakers in six games in the first round of last year's playoffs, then beat Denver in five to advance this year.

The closest he could relate to the winner-take-all stakes was the NCAA tournament—where his Texas Longhorns were eliminated in the second round in his only year in college.

Memphis' star, Zach Randolph (notes), doesn't have it much better. He went to Game 7 with Portland in his second year in the league, helping the Blazers rally from an 0-3 deficit to tie up the series before losing the finale. His teams had missed the playoffs each of the seven years since before Memphis' current bid to be the first No. 8 seed to reach the West finals.

The winner advances to face the Mavericks starting Tuesday night in Dallas.

"We know what we're playing for," Randolph said. "We know it's the last game, and we know whoever wins this game goes to the next round, goes to the finals. So, it's going to be different."

Randolph was stellar in Game 6, staving off elimination for the Grizzlies with 30 points and 13 rebounds after being limited to a post-season-low nine points in a blowout loss in Game 5. Coach Lionel Hollins in-

serted O.J. Mayo into Sam Young's spot in the starting lineup in a bid to keep Oklahoma City from crashing so many defenders in on Randolph, and it paid off.

"You can feel it. You ain't got nobody in your lap," Randolph said. "You can see a little bit, so you definitely felt a difference."

Durant blamed his turn for the worse on the two fouls he picked up in the first 5 minutes, making him think too much about avoiding another whistle instead of just playing.

"Kevin did not play well and I love Kevin because he faces his bad games head-on. He doesn't run from them. He doesn't look away when we're watching video or pretend that he's tying his shoes," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said.

"He watches the film and he understands that he has to play better, and he will. He's a special, talented kid that loves the game."

Brooks predicted that Durant is "going to come out with great energy, he's going to attack and he's going to play good for us."

"I have no concern with Kevin. That guy is a winner," Brooks said. "I believe in him, I believe in what he's about and these are the games that everybody dreams about."

more "Booz!" than boos from fans who had been making it clear they weren't pleased.

"Offensively you could see he got his bounce back," Thibodeau said.

Boozer, meanwhile, said the Bulls haven't peaked.

Now would be a good time, with James, Wade and Bosh staring at them. The Bulls met with all three during the free-agent frenzy last summer, hoping they'd land two to form a superstar trio with Rose.

Instead, the chase for the championship has them colliding head on. For what it's worth, Chicago swept all three regular-season games, although James missed one because of a sprained ankle.

"It's going to be fun," Rose said. "We're definitely happy to be there. I think Thibs is going to have a great game plan for us."

Kidd making most of what could be last title shot

DALLAS (AP)—Jason Kidd walked off the court slowly, his blue long-sleeved T-shirt, white jersey and gray warmup pants soaked in sweat. As if an intense scrimmage wasn't enough, he'd also just pushed himself through a series of 3-pointers and free throws—two series, actually, going through his around-the-arc, to-the-stripe routine on each end of the court.

By the time Kidd finished, he was the last player headed to the locker room.

As much as the 38-year-old needs to rest up for the Western Conference finals, Kidd also knows this could be his last chance to finally win an NBA title and he's determined to make the most of it.

"That's what you play the game for, to be a champion," Kidd said. "It's a hard climb and you're never promised to get there. If you do, you've got to treasure it and do everything you can to win."

Kidd reached the NBA finals in 2002 and '03 with the New Jersey Nets. They were swept by the Lakers, then turned away by the Spurs. He was in the prime of his career and figured he'd have another chance.

Instead, this is his first time to even make the conference finals since then, and it comes in what could be his last season. Kidd has said he'll walk away from the final year of his contract if a lockout wipes out much or all of next season.

But that's a conversation for another day. Right now, all he's thinking about is winning eight more games to fill the only void on his Hall of Fame-worthy resume. He'd do it in historical fashion, too, becoming the oldest starting point guard on a title team, according to research by STATS LLC.

"When you come into the league, you think you're going to be able to win a championship, but there are so many talented players and the big thing is that there are so many talented teams," Kidd said. "It just hasn't happened."

The Mavericks are considered favorites to come out of the West, with home-court advantage, fresh legs and a wealth of experience over either Oklahoma City or Memphis.

Either way, Kidd will face a young, speedy point guard. After two rounds of picking on guys his own age, Port-

land's Andre Miller and Derek Fisher of the Lakers, Kidd will be chasing either 22-year-old Russell Westbrook of Oklahoma City or 23-year-old Mike Conley of Memphis.

"No matter what age you are, you have to make the right play at the right time, and Westbrook and Conley can do that," Kidd said. "They wouldn't be still playing if they couldn't. Whoever is guarding them is going to have a challenge."

In other words, Kidd may be off the hook. He will be part of the group asked to slow those guys, but not their primary defender.

Kidd can still play great defense—he guarded Kobe Bryant in crunch time during the last round. It's just that keeping pace with those guys is tough at his age, as exposed by Tony Parker in losing a first-round series to the Spurs last season.

Kidd isn't the oldest player left in the post-season, or even second-oldest. Chicago's Kurt Thomas has five months on him, and Miami's Juwan Howard is one month older. But those guys are role players. They average a combined 16.1 minutes per game this post-season; Kidd averages 33.6 and plays point guard.

He's cheated time by knowing what to do and when to do it. Mavs coach Rick Carlisle called Kidd a basketball "savant," putting his basketball IQ in the realm of Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and John Stockton.

Here's how Carlisle described Kidd's importance to the Mavericks: "There's all the things he does on the court skill-wise—running the break, shooting the ball, finding people, playing defense, getting deflections, causing havoc defensively—and then there are the intangible things, the leadership, the experience, how that translates into an advantage for our team and how he keeps guys engaged and ready to play."

"If somebody makes a mistake and is dropping their head a little bit, he makes sure they come right out of it. As we've seen in these playoffs and other years, it's a 48-minute game. You've got to play the whole 48, and he's one of the guys that makes sure our guys do."

Gonzalez, Beckett lead Red Sox over reeling Yanks



NEW YORK

(AP)—Adrian Gonzalez homered for the fourth consecutive game as Boston downed New York, 6-0, on a night when much of the drama was off the field.

Longtime star Jorge Posada asked to be taken out of the New York lineup after the slumping designated hitter was dropped to No. 9 in the batting order. A person familiar with the discussion between Posada and the team told The Associated Press that he “refused” to play.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the situation was still not settled.

His teammates weren’t much more productive against Josh Beckett (3-1) while dropping their fourth straight. It is New York’s longest skid this season.

Yankees starter C.C. Sabathia (3-3) was battered for six runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Tigers 3, Royals 0

In Detroit, Brad Penny pitched eight scoreless innings and the Detroit Tigers beat the Kansas City Royals 3-0 in the American League on Saturday for their seventh straight victory.

Detroit scored three runs in the first inning and that proved enough.

Penny (4-3) issued no walks in eight innings. Jose Valverde struck out two in a hitless ninth, earning his 10th save.

Angels 3, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Maicer Izturis hit a two-out RBI single in the ninth inning to lift Los Angeles over Texas.

Izturis hit a liner to left off Darren Oliver (1-4) that drove home catcher Jeff Mathis, who led off the ninth with a single before a sacrifice bunt by Peter Bourjos.

Angels closer Jordan Walden worked a perfect ninth for his seventh save in nine chances. Scott Downs (1-0) faced only one batter to get out of the eighth and take the win.

Orioles 6, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Brad Bergesen pitched his first major league shutout to steer Baltimore past Tampa Bay.

Bergesen (1-4) picked up his first victory of the season and improved on his previously dire 0-5 record with a 9.13 ERA in five career starts against Tampa Bay.

Baltimore took a 4-0 lead when Jake Fox hit a two-run homer in the sixth off Wade Davis (4-3). Mark Reynolds also homered for the Orioles.

Athletics 6, White Sox 2

In Oakland, David DeJesus recorded his 1,000th career hit and drove in two runs as Oakland defeated Chicago.

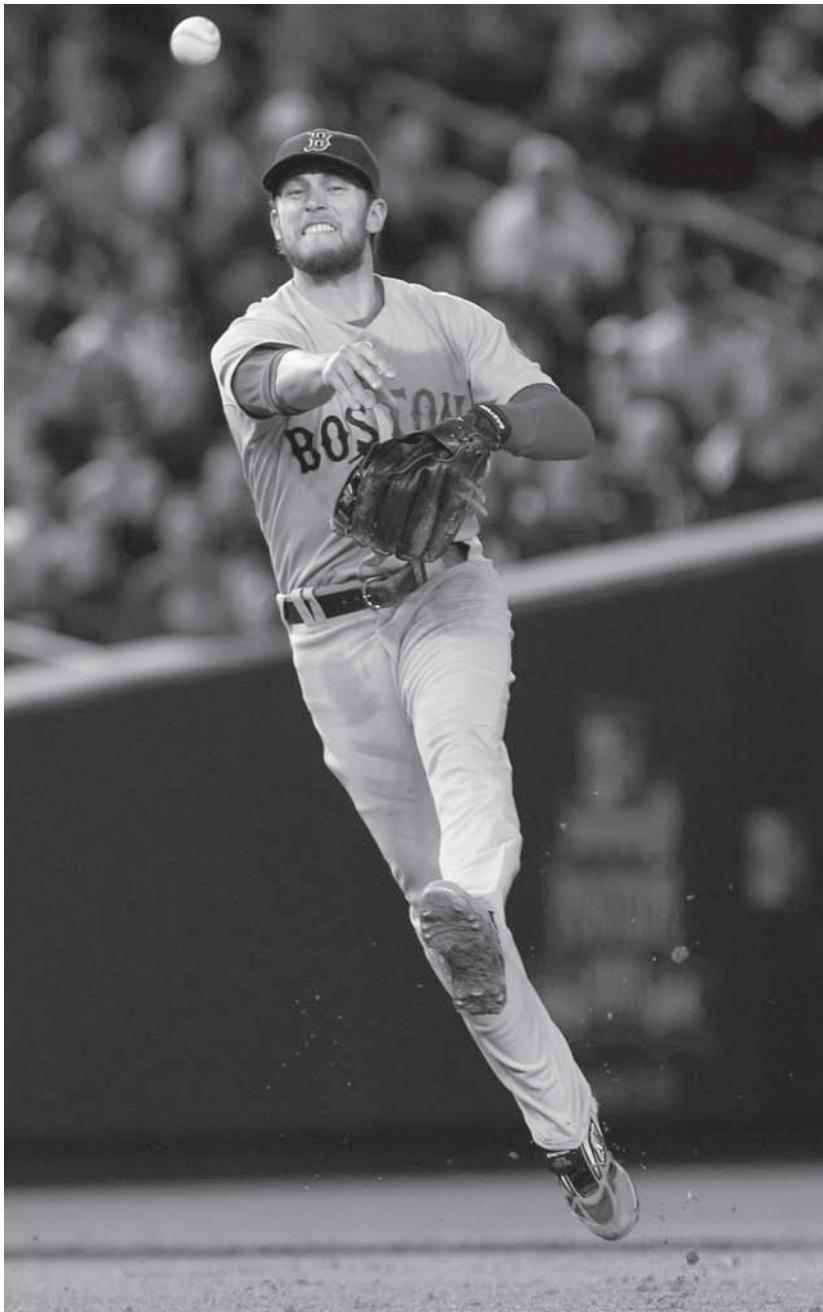
Cliff Pennington, Daric Barton and Kurt Suzuki also drove in runs for the A’s, while Josh Willingham added two hits.

Oakland starter Tyson Ross (3-2) took a shutout into the sixth and gave up two runs over 7 1-3 innings.

Blue Jays 9, Twins 3, 11 Innings

In Minneapolis, Jose Bautista hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning to lift Toronto over Minnesota.

Bautista’s two-run shot off reliever Jim Hoey broke a 3-3 tie. Hoey walked the next two batters and J.P. Arencibia followed with a double to help send the Twins to their seventh straight loss.



AP
Boston Red Sox shortstop Jed Lowrie throws out New York Yankees’ Derek Jeter at first base during the third inning of a baseball game, Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Bautista’s homer came after Glen Perkins (0-1) gave up a leadoff hit to Corey Patterson.

Former Twins closer Jon Rauch (2-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the win as the Blue Jays notched a fourth straight victory.

Braves 5, Phillies 3

In Atlanta, Martin Prado homered and drove in three runs to extend his form surge and lead the Atlanta Braves to 5-3 win over the Philadelphia Phillies in the National League on Saturday.

Prado and Nate McLouth hit back-to-back homers in the first inning for the only runs allowed by Philadelphia starter Joe Blanton (1-2) in five innings.

Braves starter Jair Jurrjens (5-0) took a perfect game into the seventh inning and wound up giving up three hits in 7 1-3 innings to beat the Phillies for the second time in a week. He has not allowed more than two earned runs in six starts.

Reds 7, Cardinals 3

In Cincinnati, Johnny Cueto took a shutout into the eighth inning to steer Cincinnati past St. Louis.

Cueto (2-0) didn’t allow a Cardinal to reach second base until the seventh.

Ramon Hernandez hit solo homers on each of the first two pitches he saw, while Brandon Phillips drove in three runs for the Reds, who moved into the NL Central’s first place alone for the first time since April 18.

Marlins 1, Nationals 0

In Washington, Anibal Sanchez pitched

Giants 3, Cubs 0, 6 innings, rain

In Chicago, Ryan Vogelsong pitched six scoreless innings in a rain-shortened game for his first career shutout and San Francisco beat Chicago.

Vogelsong (3-0) struck out seven in his first complete game. He was also helped by two double plays as the Cubs stranded eight base-runners.

Cubs starter Doug Davis (0-1) pitched five innings in his season debut and allowed three runs, hurt by three errors.

Padres 9, Rockies 7

In Denver, Brad Hawpe hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to complete a six-run comeback and give San Diego a win against his former team Colorado.

Hawpe connected off Huston Street (0-1) for his second home run of the season.

The Padres got 4 2-3 hitless innings

from their bullpen, including Mike Adams (2-0), who pitched the eighth. Heath Bell earned his ninth save in 10 chances and career save No. 100.

Brewers 8, Pirates 2

In Milwaukee, Prince Fielder, Brandon Boggs and Ryan Braun each hit solo home runs as Milwaukee beat Pittsburgh for the eighth straight time.

Milwaukee also has won eight in a row against the Pirates at Miller Park.

Fielder and Boggs homered in the fourth inning off Jeff Karstens (2-2). The Brewers scored five times in the seventh and Braun hit his 11th homer in the eighth.

Diamondbacks 1, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, a miscommunication on a pickoff throw led to the only run as Arizona edged Los Angeles.

Stephen Drew led off the second inning with a double, and Dodgers pitcher

Chad Billingsley (2-3) tried to pick him off. But shortstop Jamey Carroll failed to cover the bag and the ball rolled into center field. Drew got around to third and was scored by a sacrifice fly.

Arizona starter Josh Collmenter (2-0) pitched six scoreless innings in his first major league start. He walked none and retired his final 11 batters after giving up a double in the third.

Astros 7, Mets 3

In Houston, Carlos Lee delivered his 2,000th hit with an RBI single during a four-run first inning, then hit one of Houston’s three homers against New York.

J.A. Happ (3-4) pitched six innings for the win as the Mets had their three-game winning streak come to an end.

Mets knuckleball pitcher R.A. Dickey (1-5) allowed six hits in the first inning, then held the Astros in check until the sixth, when Bil

No big move on a rain-shortened day at Sawgrass

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

—Players spent more time in the clubhouse than the golf course Saturday at The Players Championship, a rain-shortened day that left enough time for some high entertainment.

Martin Kaymer made four straight birdie putts that traveled a combined 71 inches.

The tournament staff had to move the cup on the 16th hole a few feet after the 4 1/2-hour storm delay because of damage around the hole that it couldn’t repair.

Ian Poulter was so desperate to finish his third round before darkness that he sprinted to the island-green 17th to finish the hole, then ran to the 18th tee and hit his drive to keep himself from having to wake up Sunday before dawn.

As for the top of the leaderboard?

There wasn’t nearly enough time to sort that out, not with so many top players in the hunt having played so few holes. And not with a TPC Sawgrass course that was softened enough by the rain that a marathon Sunday is up for grabs.

U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell and Doral winner Nick Watney were at 11-under par.

David Toms and Steve Stricker were another shot behind, followed by Wells Fargo winner Lucas Glover and K.J. Choi. Kaymer and Luke Donald, both of whom can go to No. 1 in the world, were only three shots behind.

Of that group, only Kaymer (12 holes) and Choi (10 holes) made it past the turn.

“As far as winning it, I’m not too concerned about that yet,” Watney said. “We’re still in the third round, so I just have to take care of what I can and give myself a chance on the back nine.”

The biggest change was the golf course. It drained beautifully, but the greens were so soft after nearly an inch of rain fell that it looked like The Players resumed on the TPC Cupcake.

“I could see someone going and shooting 62, 63 tomorrow,” McDowell said. “I think there’s a low score on this golf course, depending on what the wind does tomorrow. But it really has opened the field up a little bit. It’s going to be exciting.”

Toms, the 36-hole leader who had

THE PLAYERS

sent out in the afternoon.

With some 30 holes remaining and so many top

players in the hunt, rarely

has a final day been this wide open.

Sean O’Hair, who had missed his last five cuts, birdied his last two holes for a 67 to post the best 54-hole score Saturday at 7-under 209, but only because the leaders didn’t even reach the turn.

Peter Hanson bogeyed the last hole for a 66. Phil Mickelson barely finished, just not the way he would have liked. He made eagle on the 16th, followed with a birdie on the 17th and then ended with a bogey for a 69. He was at 5-under 211.

“I had a good finish until that bogey on 18,” Mickelson said. “That eagle on 16 and birdie on 17 got me into position where I thought you never know what might happen on Sunday. So I’ve got to go low.”

Kaymer might have had the most wild 12 holes of his season. He opened with four straight birdies by a combined 6 feet of length - the longest was 3 1/2 feet, two of them inside a foot. He tied for the lead by making a 10-foot birdie on the seventh, then ran off three straight bogeys to drop back. Kaymer made only three pars.

Southern keeps lead in outrigger race

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MISO Saipan Southern High School retained the lead both in the boys and girls divisions of the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization's outrigger canoe competition after finishing first place in last Saturday's six-mile long distance event.

The Lady Manta Rays clocked in at 52 minutes and 35.69 seconds in the race that started and ended at Kilili Beach Park, beating Mount Carmel School's Lady Knights (53:38.48) and Marianas High School's Lady Dolphins (53:49.05).

The win gave Southern 34 points after three weekends of competition. The Lady Rays are



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND
The outrigger crews of Kagman High School, Marianas High School, and Saipan Southern High School get ready to start the long distance race in the boys division at the Kilili Beach Park.

ahead of 10 points against Mt. Carmel, which has earned 24 points. The Lady Dolphins are in third place (20 points), going into the final two weekends of the annual race.

In the boys division, Southern checked in at the final buoy at 45:06.91, just under 30-second ahead of MHS (45:33.82), while the Kagman High School's Ayuy-

us timed in at 49:02.47.

The Manta Rays lead the Dolphins in the boys team standings, 38-24, while Kagman sits in third with 20 points.

The long distance event was the only race that took place last Saturday, as there were no preliminary races due to time constraints.

This weekend, both divisions

will battle it out in the 1500-meter and 500-meter sprint preliminary and final heats. Races start at 9am.

According to MISO rules five, three, two, and a point are awarded to the first, second, third, and fourth place finisher in the preliminary races. Finals races are worth double the points, per place finisher.

It was a bad break for the Hustlers, as the game-winning run was issued free passage to the plate via a RBI walk. The Aces' Diego Camacho kissed the plate.

Winning pitcher Augenbaugh recovered from a shaky first inning where two runs were scored off two errors and three walks. He finished the game giving up one earned run off four hits, three walks, and a bean ball with four strikeouts. Lizama reached base four times and batted 1-for-2 with two runs, two stolen bases, a hit-by-pitch, and a base on balls.

"This was a close game, and in the later innings, I kept asking my guys how bad they really wanted it. I am very proud of them because this division is full of talents and we were the last ones left standing. Hats off to the Hustlers, they fought hard, but our team made the least mistakes and we held strong late in the game," Aces manager Tony Flores said.

"Our strategy was to stand behind our guy [Regis] and get him enough runs for the win. We did not have any tricks up on our sleeves, we simply went right at them and it worked. I am proud of our boys because they held it together all the way through and did not let them [Fielders] come back," Lions manager Syl Ada

SENIOR LEAGUE
Lions 5, Fielders 3

The Lions took an early 2-0 lead in the opening frame off a pair of sacrifice fly balls by Lemarc Iguel and Ricardo Dela Cruz. Fielders went 1-2-3 in the bottom frame.

Then after both teams were

shutout in the second, the Lions pulled ahead, 4-0, off three errors in the third. Fielders tapped Carl Camacho to the mound for Jeremy Lizama to close the last out of the inning.

The Lions left the bases loaded to start the fourth and the Fielders pulled within a run, 3-4, in the bottom frame off a bean ball, errors, and an RBI by Alfonso Pedro.

Both teams came up empty in the fifth and sixth inning and the Lions added an insurance run in the seventh off a sacrifice fly by Russel Hocog.

The Fielders went 1-2-3 in their final stand as winning pitcher Leroy Regis finished a gem, giving up three unearned runs off just three hits and a bean ball with five strikeouts. Lions' Iguel batted 2-for-3 with one RBI and one run.

Later in the fifth, the Jets' Anthony Deleon Guerrero belted home an insurance run, while teammate Maratita finished a solid complete-game performance with a 1-2-3 inning. He gave up just one hit and two walks with 11 strikeouts in six innings.

The Jets finished the season undefeated, winning majority of their games in dominating fashions so in the last inning, Jets manager Joey Dela Cruz reminded his team of how far they have gone through. The Jets were playing a different game at that point, and in the end they impressively won the championship with a shutout over the second-ranked Red Sox.

MAJORS

Jets 9, Red Sox 0

The home team Jets forced the

game was tied, 9-all.

The Knights could have taken the lead in the first half had they made their free throws. Mt. Carmel was given 14 free shots in the first half and hit only one. Overall, the Knights fared miserably at the stripe, going only 2-for-22. The Eagles had a decent job at the foul line with their 5-for-13 shooting.

"Last night was an awesome close game until the fourth quarter when we pulled ahead. We went in the finals knowing that MCS is a well-coached and rounded team. We were prepared to run all night and I believe we were able to pull ahead at the latter part of the game since we had a deeper bench," Salas said.

MCS gave GCA a close fight in the first half with the Eagles ahead by one a hair at the break, 23-22. In the first period, the

game was tied, 9-all.

"Our defense was really good last night. Scoring a repeat was really sweet and we dedicate the win to Jonathan Salas who didn't play until the last two minutes of the game due to a freak injury during the semifinal game against MBA. The team won the game for him for his outstanding performances under the boards throughout the season. Hats off to MCS for a great game and our team for their hard efforts," the GCA coach added.

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Constitution provides that the officers of the Corporation are elected by the Board of Directors, not by the general membership. As set forth in Section (F) (2) of that Article, the elective power of the membership is limited to the election of directors. Moreover, Section (C) of Article VII of the Constitution provides that vacancies on the Board of Directors are filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors, not by the general membership. Accordingly, it is my opinion that the election of Tony Rogolifoi as president and director at the April 15 meeting was also a nullity," White said

White added that the position is still vacant and can be filled by the board of directors provided that at least five members of the board are present at a meeting properly noticed and called for the purpose. White also said that

pending the election of the new president, the vice president will act as the president based on Article VIII (C) of the SLLB Constitution.

Despite this opinion, it is still up to the two individuals claiming the SLLB presidency and Leon Guerrero to take the needed steps to resolve the leadership issue.

Rogolifoi in a previous interview said he will reserve his comments and actions until the playoffs are done. The SLLB season concluded yesterday. Flores said the same and did not return *Saipan Tribune*'s call yesterday, asking for her reaction about the lawyer's opinion on the validity of the elections.

For her part, Claudia Guerrero said she will schedule a meeting with the board this month and added SLLB transactions should be made through her until the vacancy is filled.

"Any transactions made without my approval will not be honored," the SLLB vice president said.

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Tampa Bay	23	16	.590	—
New York	20	17	.541	2
Boston	19	20	.487	4
Toronto	19	20	.487	4
Baltimore	18	20	.474	4 1/2

Central Division

Cleveland	24	13	.649	—
Detroit	22	18	.550	3 1/2
Kansas City	20	19	.513	5
Chicago	16	24	.400	9 1/2
Minnesota	12	25	.324	12

West Division

Los Angeles	22	18	.550	—
Oakland	20	19	.513	1 1/2
Texas	20	19	.513	1 1/2
Seattle	16	23	.410	5 1/2

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East Division

Philadelphia	25	13	.658	—
Florida	23	15	.605	2
Atlanta	22	19	.537	4 1/2
New York	18	21	.462	7 1/2
Washington	18	21	.462	7 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	22	17	.564	—
St. Louis	22	18	.550	1/2
Milwaukee	18	21	.462	4
Pittsburgh	18	21	.462	4
Chicago	17	21	.447	4 1/2
Houston	15	24	.385	7

West Division

San Francisco	22	17	.564	—
Colorado	20	17	.541	1
Los Angeles	19	21	.475	3 1/2
Arizona	16	22	.421	5 1/2
San Diego	16	23	.410	6

Yesterday's Games

Seattle at Cleveland, ppd., rain	
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 2	
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 0	
Detroit 3, Kansas City 0	
L.A. Angels 3, Texas 2	
Toronto 9, Minnesota 3, 11 innings	
Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 0	
Florida 1, Washington 0	
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3	
San Diego 9, Colorado 7	
Houston 7, N.Y. Mets 3	
Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 2	
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 3	
Arizona 1, L.A. Dodgers 0	
San Francisco 3, Chicago Cubs 0, 6 innings	

THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP)	
— Scores Saturday from the Players	
Championship, a US	

Athletics, basketball, and Little League had a show last week.

At the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility, the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships featured a two-day competition for elementary, junior high, and high school student-athletes.

Koblerville dominated the elementary division, while Hopwood Junior High School and Marianas High School also reigned in their respective age groups.

3 competitions highlight week

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Over at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan and Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfields, Little League action heated up with the playoffs games in the four divisions of the Saipan Little League Baseball.

The IT&E Fielders went on to survive the playoffs and win

the Junior League championship against the BTS Survivors. The Majors, Big and Senior League title matches were played yesterday.

The playoff round in the 2010-2011 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Basketball League

also took place in the various courts of the participating schools last week.

Saipan International School and Grace Christian Academy eventually came out on top of the field winning over Mt. Carmel School in the girls and boys champion-

ship games played at the TSL Sports Complex.

Other on going competitions on Saipan continued last week with Northern Mariana Islands Football Association having its youth, men's and women's leagues; the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization

holding its softball, soccer, and canoe events; the Marianas Lions Club moving on with its playoff matches; the Chamolinian softball league playing its regular season games; and the QQ Cup and Miller Lite caging having their games at the Garapan and Gualo Rai courts, respectively.

Other event held last week was the SSC's Escape from Managaha, which drew 36 swimmers with 32 completing the 2.4-kilometer open water race from Saipan's famous island to Micro Beach.



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Members of Grace Christian Academy boys varsity team and their cheerleaders pose for a group photo after winning over Mt. Carmel School in the COPSSA caging last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.



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The IT&E Fielders pose for a group photo after winning the Junior League championship game against the BTS-Martha's Store Survivors, 9-3, at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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The Saipan International School Lady Geckos pose with their championship trophy after winning over Mt. Carmel School in the COPSSA caging last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.



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Runners in the 1,500m run near completion of the first lap of the race in the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships at the Oleai Sports Complex.



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MP United's Dakota Hall hits the ball, while Matansa defenders chase him during their game in the NMIFA youth league last week at the CPA Field.



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Wild Bill's and Paire players in action during the second half of their game in the NMIFA men's league at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last week.



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Agape Christian School's Dai Li Xing, left, pulls up for a tough shot against Marianas Baptist Academy defenders during their playoff game in the COPSSA caging at the MBA court last week.



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Grace Christian Academy's Christine Cristobal goes up for a shot against two Mt. Carmel School defenders during their semis game in the COPSSA caging last week at the MCS court.



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Three teams crowned champions

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The Docomo Aces, the Tan Siu Lin-Rep. DLGuerrero-Rep. Ramon S. Basa Kagman Lions, and the Juan S. Tenorio Jets were victorious in their respective championship games in the Saipan Little League Baseball over the weekend.

The Aces bested the Island Apparel-Kagman Mobil Station Hustlers, 4-3, in the Big League finals last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, while the Lions topped the Tan Holdings Fielders, 5-3, on Sunday for the Senior League crown. Also on Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa-Pangelinan

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Eagles defend varsity title

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 Grace Christian Academy was crowned back-to-back champion after downing Mt. Carmel School, 56-45, in the boys varsity finals of the 2010-2011 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Basketball League last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.

The Eagles, who also defeated Mt. Carmel in last season finals, 73-69, foiled the Knights'

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Mt. Carmel School's Min Seong Kim, left, and Jae Yong Yoon, right, watch Grace Christian Academy's Angelo Salas glides for a fastbreak basket during the fourth quarter of their boys varsity title game in the COPSSA caging League last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND
Members of the Jets and their coaching staff pose for a group photo after winning the Majors championship against the Red Sox yesterday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND
Members of the Lions and their coaching staff flash the No. 1 sign after winning the Senior League championship against the Fielders yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND
Members of the Aces and their coaching staff pose for a team photo after beating the Hustlers in the Big League finals last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Lawyer: Both elections are null

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A lawyer said the elections of the Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. president are both void.

"You have requested my opinion as to the validity of the actions taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc held on March 31, 2001. At the meeting, those present purported to elect Annie DLG. Flores as president of SLLB," lawyer Michael A. White said in his letter to Claudia Leon Guerrero.

Leon Guerrero is the SLLBI vice president and sought the opinion of White, saying she wants to clear the issues surrounding the group's leadership.

"Section (F) (2) of Article VI of the SLLBI Constitution provides that the members of the Corporation elect its Board of Directors. Section (F) (3) provides that the Board of Directors elects the officers of the Corporation. Article V, Section 3 of the SLLBI Bylaws provides that the Board fills any vacancies, which occur among the officers," White added.

During the March 31 meeting, four board members present elected Flores as president, replacing Robert Guerrero, who resigned a few months ago. The three other board members missed the meeting.

"Board meetings are covered in Paragraph (D) of Article VII of the SLLBI Constitution. Paragraph (D) (2) provides that five members of the board constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted. It is therefore my opinion that any business conducted at the March 31 meeting, including the election of the SLLBI president, was a nullity," White said in his letter.

The lawyer had the same opinion on the election of Tony I. Rogolifoi, who was selected president during a general membership meeting on April 15.

"As I have noted above, Section (F) (3) of the SLLBI

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